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DECEMBER 1989 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

DECEMBER 2, Saturday (NWD)
Northwest Denver area lakes. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Angela Bailey, Lorie O'Neill. (Clear; Wind, NW 0-5 MPH; 20-50F). 51 miles by car, 3.4 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (35 species, 2705 individuals).

DECEMBER 3, Sunday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Warren Finch, Joey Kellner, Randy Lentz, Randy Pullen, Arlene and Jerry Raskin, Joe Roller, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Mort Staatz, Steve Stachowiak, Larry Vincent, Chris Wood. (Clear; Wind, SE 0-10 MPH; 30-68F). 30 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 9.5 hours birding. (49 species, 6771 individuals).

DECEMBER 9, Saturday (SPR)
Area 4A Christmas Pre-Count (Lower South Platte). Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Pearl Jordan, Jean Maguire, Floyd Pendell, Nicki Pliler, Joe TenBrink. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NW 0-20 MPH; 25-55F). 39 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (39 species, 3404 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS

(Reported by Monna Krebs)

Dec. 5, Bear Creek Lake Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 41 observers. (26 species, 166 individuals).

Dec. 12, Denver City Park Zoo. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 13 observers. (11 species, 1178 individuals).

1989 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 16, Saturday, 6:00 AM - 4:45 PM. Compiler: Dick Schottler. Feeder Coordinator: Hugh Kingery. Morning: Partly cloudy. Afternoon: Overcast with snow; heavy at times. Wind: Generally from the north 0-15 MPH. Snow cover: 0-16". Fresh water: Partly open on the plains, frozen in the foothills and mountains. Wild food crop: Poor to good. Observers: 140 (88 in 27 parties, 51 at feeders). Total party hours: 198 (132.75 on foot, 65.25 by car). Total party miles: 622.8 (113.2 on foot, 509.6 by car). Total count: 101 species; 25,634 individuals.

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Participants by Area (Leaders underlined)

Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Winston W. Brockner, Mel Gabel, Ron Huston.

Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC). Mary Jane Schock, Robert A. Spencer, Bobbie Ausfahl, David Hutchinson.

Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP). Kathy Hawkins, Marjorie Roberts.

Area 3. BowMar/Marston (BMM). Mortimer H. Staatz, Joe Margoshes.

Area 4A. Lower South Platte (LSP). Ed Holub, Virginia Bleck, Pearl Jordan, Jean Maguire, Elizabeth Pendell, Floyd Pendell, Nicki Pliler, Don Schupp, Joe TenBrink, Sharon von Broembsen.

Area 4B. Lower South Platte (LSP). Dick Schottler, Doris Cruze, Chuck Lopushansky, Dolores Lopushansky, Mike Lopushansky, Dick Pratt.

Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD). Harold Oliver, Lois Foreman, Betty Oliver, Donna Randolph.

Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK). Norm Erthal, Ursula Barsch, Bobbie DeMuth, Doug Ward, Judy Ward.

Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP). Patty Echelmeyer, Diana Mullineaux, Ellie Walker.

Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSP). Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Deb Ostergard, Peter Ostergard, Donna Rieckmann.

Area 8. Chatfield SRA (CSR). Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall, Joe Roller, Bob Schueneman, Steve Stachowiak, Barbara Wilds, Chris Wood.

Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP). David Martin, Jim Allison, Ann Bonnell, Adam Mammoser, Joe Mammoser, Scott Menough, Maxine Stewart, Else and Tom VanErp.

Area 10. Lower Dear Creek (LDC). Lynn Willcockson, Elizabeth Willcockson.

Area 11. Upper Dear Creek (UDC). Randy Lentz, Lew Schwerin.

Area 12. Yegge Peak. Area not counted.

Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DHM). Mike Carter, Tom Parchman.

Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC). Warren Finch.

Area 15. Indian Hills (IHL). Duane Nelson, Scott Gilliham, Nick Watmough.

Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UB). Phil Hayes, Donal Mullineaux.

Area 17. Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR). Alan Hay, David Eberhard, Bonnie Hay, Dee Hay.

Area 18. Garrison Gate. Area not counted.

Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB). Carol Hack, Fern Hack.

Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK). Bob Righter, Sandy Righter.

Area 21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs (ML). Ronda Woodward, Mark Frye, Elizabeth Harwood, Stan Harwood, Susan Solyanis, David Woodward, Tonja Woodward.

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Observers at 32 Plains Feeders (PF)

Jane Axtell, Dick Bauer, John Bonnell, Margo Breen, Nan Brehmer, Eleanor Buchtel, Nita Casto, Joe & Vergie Dooley, Valerie J. Dooley, Marcia Ferguson, Gene & Pauline Ferrand, Phyl Fischer, Jerome S. & Grace D. Grutza, Margi Hasslacher, Robert & Elaine Helsley, Norman & Marie Kautsky, George Lange, Dean Lausten, Barbara Livingston, Anna Magee, Dick Masteller, Mark Masteller, John P. McGrath, Barbara McKee, Ed Morey, Mary G. Nigro, Marycarol Nowicki, Sylvia Nelson, Jacque Schneider, Paul Scheffer, Janet Shin, Anne Southcott, Dale & Margie Tollefson.

Observers at 11 Foothills Feeders (FF)

George Benway, Jr., Gay S. Bishop, Polly Fields, Marjory Friedman, Lila Kint, Doris & Harold McLaughlin, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nicodemus, David J. Stephenson, (Else VanErp)*, Donald G. Wargo, Helen Waters.

* Also a field observer.

DECEMBER 30, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake Christmas Count. Compiler: Mike Carter. Observers: Bob Andrews, Mike Carter, Warren Finch, Joe Himmel, Bob Jickling, Tim Kuesel, Chuck Purdy, Donna Rieckmann, M. K. Waddington. (Partly cloudy with light snow in PM; Wind, 3 MPH; 18-35F). 173 miles by car, 12 miles on foot. 19.5 party hours. (46 species, 20554 individuals).

DECEMBER 30, Saturday (URB)
Denver Urban Christmas Count (preliminary and incomplete). Compiler: Hugh Kingery. Details of weather, observers, party hours and miles, etc. unavailable. (69 species, 23644 individuals).

CHRISTMAS COUNT HIGHLIGHTS
by Dick Schottler

The 1989 Denver Christmas Bird Count was the 36th conducted by the Denver Field Ornithologists in the same count circle centered just north of the old Ken-Caryl Ranch entrance, and was the third time in the last four years that we have seen 100 or more species in this count circle. No new species were added to the all-time count total of 167 species.

While no new species were added during the 1989 count, several unusual birds were sighted, four for only the second time in 36 years. These include:

Black-crowned Night-Heron (1) spotted flying near Webster Street by Mary Jane Schock and Bobbie Ausfahl in Area 2. This was only the second time this species has been seen on the Denver CBC.

White-winged Scoter (1) was found and well-described by Virgil Williams on McLellan Reservoir. Virgil, who decided not to formally participate in the Count because of illness, stopped by McLellan and spotted the bird before the snow started. Again, this was only second time this species has been recorded on the count; the only previous sighting was in 1973.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (2): An immature bird was spotted by Carol and Fern Hack in Area 19, and an adult was seen coming to a heated bird bath in the yard of Phyllis Fischer on West Milan Place. This is the fourth time sapsuckers have been seen on the Count (the last time was in 1980).

Hermit Thrush (1): Seen by Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, and David Hutchinson in Area 2. This species had been recorded only once before (1971).

Loggerhead Shrike (1) spotted by Lynn Willcockson in Area 10 as it chased House Finches and sparrows. This was the sixth year this species has been recorded (the last in 1984).

Green-tailed Towhee (1): A single bird was separately found by two count parties (Area 9 and Area 7A). While this is only the fifth time this species has been seen on the count, it has been seen 3 of the last 4 years.

Purple Finch (1 female) found by Doug Ward in Area 6. This is another species that had been seen on only one count (1971) prior to 1989. Several observers were able to find this bird the next day and add it to their Colorado lists.

New maximum individual numbers were achieved for eight species this year as follows: Ring-necked Duck (408), Hooded Merganser (53), Rock Dove (1600), Downy Woodpecker (88), Black-capped Chickadee (623), Brown Thrasher (2), Yellow-headed Blackbird (2), and House Finch (1925).

The ten most numerous species were: Canada Goose (6,678), European Starling (2,107), House Finch (1,925), Mallard (1,836), Rock Dove (1,600), Dark-eyed Junco (1,593), Red-winged Blackbird (1,013), House Sparrow (889), Black-billed Magpie (866), and Common Merganser (845).

The new Denver CBC compiler would like to express his sincere thanks to all who volunteered to be Area Count Leaders and to all of the observers and feeder watchers who participated.

ABBREVIATIONS used in table on pages 34-39: P=Plains; H=Heard only; X=Species seen on Denver Christmas Count; a=adult; f=female; m=male.

DECEMBER 1989	2	3	9	5	12	1989 Christmas Bird Count									
AREA COVERED	NWD	CCR	SPR	Tue Birdrs		AREA #	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	P	AREA	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP
Pied-billed Grebe	1					X				1					
Horned Grebe		1				X					1				
Eared Grebe		1													
Western Grebe						X						1			
Double-crested Cormorant						X						1			
Great Blue Heron	1	1	1	1		X		2	1	3	2	8			
Black-crowned Night-Heron						X		1							
Canada Goose	1037	850	1660	10	580	X		1116	372	415	1050	1350	67	46	338
Wood Duck			24			X					13	28			
Green-winged Teal		40	2			X		28		10	6	33		4	
Mallard	177	150	334	8	53	X	31	486	30	92	237	550		25	27
Mallard + Am. Black Duck															
Northern Pintail	2	1f	3			X		13			4	50			
Northern Shoveler	49		38			X		9			2	2			
Gadwall	28		21			X		4	7		8	17			
American Wigeon	142	6	42	4		X		32		10	28	46			
Canvasback						X						1			
Redhead	34		27	1		X		10			12	6			
Ring-necked Duck	37					X				2	126	280			
Lesser Scaup						X				6	1				1
White-winged Scoter						X					1				
Common Goldeneye	41	350	11	10		X		6	12	2	49	72			3
Bufflehead	18	1f	1			X					2	46			2
Hooded Merganser	2	3m2f	2			X				6	42	5			
Common Merganser		4500	9	2		X			1	200	21	290			
Red-breasted Merganser		2f													
Ruddy Duck						X					1				
Duck species															
Bald Eagle		1a				X									
Northern Harrier		1f		1		X					1				
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1a				X					3			1	
Cooper's Hawk						X									
Northern Goshawk						X									
Accipiter species						X									
Red-tailed Hawk	3			3		X									
western races		3	3			X			3		1	5	3	4	2
"Harlan's" race						X		1	1					1	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	4			1	X		1	1				1		
Rough-legged Hawk	2		3			X			1		1		1		1
Buteo species						X		1							1
Golden Eagle		1				X	1								
American Kestrel			3	1		X		3	1	1	2	3	2	2	2
Merlin						X								1	
Prairie Falcon		1				X						1		1	
Falco species															
Ring-necked Pheasant															
Blue Grouse						X									
Virginia Rail		2				X									2
American Coot	53	2	75			X						20			
Killdeer	1	4				X					1	5			1
Common Snipe		4				X		3			2			1	1
Bonaparte's Gull		1a													
Ring-billed Gull	550	400	130	3	13	X		28		22	143	32		7	1
California Gull		1				X								7	
Herring Gull	2	150				X		2			2	10			
Thayer's Gull		1a													

1989 Christmas Bird Count																30	30	DECEMBER 1989
7B	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	FEEDERS		GRAND	BAR	URB	AREA COVERED
MSP	CSR	USP	LDC	UDC	DHM	NTC	IHL	UB	KCR	MWB	WCK	ML	PLNS	FHL	TOTAL	P	P	LIFE ZONES VISITED
															1	1	1	Pied-billed Grebe
															1			Horned Grebe
																		Eared Grebe
															1			Western Grebe
	2														3			Double-crested Cormorant
2	1														19		9	Great Blue Heron
															1		9	Black-crowned Night-Heron
159	321	8							1		725	25	685		6678	584	3925	Canada Goose
4													4		49		18	Wood Duck
28	6														115	4	224	Green-winged Teal
66	42	15	9						6		170	3	47		1836	532	1676	Mallard
																	1	Mallard + Am. Black Duck
1															68	11	322	Northern Pintail
															13	2	734	Northern Shoveler
5															41	6	189	Gadwall
	7														123		223	American Wigeon
															1		8	Canvasback
	2														30		10	Redhead
															408		213	Ring-necked Duck
															8		11	Lesser Scaup
															1			White-winged Scoter
44	67														255	34	214	Common Goldeneye
															50		4	Bufflehead
															53	3	10	Hooded Merganser
280	53														845		863	Common Merganser
																	4	Red-breasted Merganser
															1			Ruddy Duck
																800	1	Duck species
1	1														2	3	32	Bald Eagle
															1	14	7	Northern Harrier
		1											1		6		6	Sharp-shinned Hawk
												1	3		4		1	Cooper's Hawk
	1														1			Northern Goshawk
1															1			Accipiter species
																11	1	Red-tailed Hawk
2	5								2	1	4	1	1		34		22	western races
															3	1	2	"Harlan's" race
											1				4	17	46	Ferruginous Hawk
		1	1								2				8	34	25	Rough-legged Hawk
															2	1	1	Buteo species
		1						1	3						6		1	Golden Eagle
3	1	3	2						10						35	15	18	American Kestrel
									1				1		3	4	4	Merlin
											1				3	6	4	Prairie Falcon
																1		Falco species
																4	17	Ring-necked Pheasant
						2									2			Blue Grouse
3															5			Virginia Rail
	30														50	10	12	American Coot
2	1														10	4	14	Killdeer
1															8	2	18	Common Snipe
																		Bonaparte's Gull
	22	1							1		15				272		638	Ring-billed Gull
															7			California Gull
	49														63		47	Herring Gull
																		Thayer's Gull

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AREA COVERED	NWD	CCR	SPR	Tue Birdrs		AREA #	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	P	AREA	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP
Gull species															
Rock Dove	160	30	159	5	20	X	75	300	105	38	170	350	197	60	1
Mourning Dove				1		X		2							
Great Horned Owl		2	1	1		X		1	2		2	1		5	1
Belted Kingfisher			3	4		X		3	2	1	3	4		3	3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						X									
Downy Woodpecker		1	4			X	1	2	1	2	9	6	1	4	4
Hairy Woodpecker						X	1		1					3	
Northern Flicker						X									
"Red-shafted" race	11	7	35	4		X	8	47	11	12	38	13	8	20	3
Horned Lark		15				X			8				10	50	
Steller's Jay						X	2								
Blue Jay	1		5			X		6			17				
Scrub Jay						X	13								
Black-billed Magpie	40	45	49	14	13	X	17	181	32	63	76	44	56	45	18
American Crow	5		8		7	X		8	1	16	5	1	23	3	
Common Raven						X	1					2	1	7	3
Black-capped Chickadee		8	15	10	2	X	7	17	22	13	33	13	17	62	23
Mountain Chickadee						X	2	2						1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch						X									
White-breasted Nuthatch						X					2				1
Pygmy Nuthatch						X									
Brown Creeper			1	3		X		1		1	4	1	1	4	1
Canyon Wren						X									
Marsh Wren		1H													
American Dipper						X		5	4	3					3
Golden-crowned Kinglet						X									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						X						1			
Townsend's Solitaire		1				X	9	3							
Hermit Thrush						X		1							
American Robin	2	10	6	2		X		29		11	21			1	1
Brown Thrasher						X									
American Pipit						X					2				
Bohemian Waxwing						X				136	20				
Cedar Waxwing						X		1							
Northern Shrike		1a				X		1		1			1	5	
Loggerhead Shrike						X									
European Starling	30	30	275	1	400	X	4	384	41	215	174	23	324	45	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler															
Green-tailed Towhee						X									
Rufous-sided Towhee						X		5				2			
American Tree Sparrow	7	30	1	6		X	13	5	34		12	66	101	50	12
Song Sparrow	2	5	2	2		X	3	20	15	4	3	33	1	23	15
Swamp Sparrow						X								1	
White-throated Sparrow						X									
White-crowned Sparrow						X		3	2		11	61	9	5	
Harris' Sparrow						X			1						
Dark-eyed Junco				9	8	X									
"White-winged" race						X	1								1
"Slate-colored" race			17			X	6	5			63	10	32		30
"Oregon" race	2	4	26			X	2	33	24	7	66	15	20	4	34
"Pink-sided" race						X	13	8			13		14		
"Gray-headed" race						X	8	11							
Lapland Longspur						X									
Red-winged Blackbird	75	70	90	1		X		45			25	64	147	250	
Western Meadowlark	2	3				X							1	1	

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7B	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	FEEDERS		GRAND	BAR	URB	AREA COVERED
MSP	CSR	USP	LDC	UDC	DHM	NTC	IHL	UB	KCR	MWB	WCK	ML	PLNS	FHL	TOTAL	P	P	LIFE ZONES VISITED
																2		Gull species
15	4	1					14		82	12	20	6	150		1600	146	2232	Rock Dove
															2			Mourning Dove
2	2	2	2						2						22	6	20	Great Horned Owl
8	3	4									1	1			36		10	Belted Kingfisher
										1			1		2			Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
5	1	9	1	3	7		13				3	7	6	3	88	12	30	Downy Woodpecker
1				4	3	2	12						1	13	41	1		Hairy Woodpecker
																		Northern Flicker
11	2	8	6		1		2		13	4	4	4	73	2	290	12	168	"Red-shafted" race
	24														92	8845	89	Horned Lark
		1	11	30	7	6	9	4		11	2	9	2	72	166			Steller's Jay
			1						16				65		105	7	45	Blue Jay
		12	21				2		5	14	18	24	15	14	138		1	Scrub Jay
69	22	13	11	1	3	5	5	4	23	27	25	13	108	5	866	131	769	Black-billed Magpie
39	4	65	11	1	38	45	2		52	8	3		29	20	374		279	American Crow
3	3	30		1	1	2	3		9		2				68		1	Common Raven
69	23		7	22	1			13	6	19	7	83	101	65	623	30	169	Black-capped Chickadee
	1	68	1	42	11	10	7	3		5		6	12	51	222		26	Mountain Chickadee
				5									3	7	15		2	Red-breasted Nuthatch
			1	3	6		6	1				4	1	16	41		5	White-breasted Nuthatch
					46		17							34	97			Pygmy Nuthatch
1	1	1			1	1	1			2	1	6			28	7	16	Brown Creeper
		1	1												2			Canyon Wren
																		Marsh Wren
5	1	7										2			30		1	American Dipper
							5								5			Golden-crowned Kinglet
															1			Ruby-crowned Kinglet
2	1	5	6	5	4	3	13	2	4	3	1	24		5	90		2	Townsend's Solitaire
															1			Hermit Thrush
		3	2	3			4		33			22	40		170	9	234	American Robin
		1	1												2			Brown Thrasher
															2			American Pipit
							2		6						164			Bohemian Waxwing
													2		3			Cedar Waxwing
1										2	1		1		13	3	2	Northern Shrike
			1												1			Loggerhead Shrike
11	2	7	2		5		12		238		65		550		2107	1143	3694	European Starling
																	1	Yellow-rumped Warbler
		1													1			Green-tailed Towhee
		3								1	1		6	2	20			Rufous-sided Towhee
9	23	5	7								1		4		342	69	281	American Tree Sparrow
81	13	5	6						2	1	3	10			238	46	50	Song Sparrow
3	1														5			Swamp Sparrow
			1												1			White-throated Sparrow
			4										24		119	140	62	White-crowned Sparrow
		1											1		3			Harris' Sparrow
5	1							9	4	60		113	42	76	310	2	15	Dark-eyed Junco
					1	2	16			4			2	19	46		1	"White-winged" race
		26		3	24	5	6	2	5	18	8		86	35	364	20	148	"Slate-colored" race
3		20	7	6	5		6	2	2	115	17		111	24	523	80	341	"Oregon" race
1	2	12		2	2	2	8	2			10		34		123		15	"Pink-sided" race
		10	4	15	9	6	6	2		35	17		31	73	227		16	"Gray-headed" race
	1														1	1		Lapland Longspur
	84		15		30	2			45		90		216		1013	5862	1038	Red-winged Blackbird
1			4												7	129	52	Western Meadowlark

DECEMBER 1989	2	3	9	5	12	1989 Christmas Bird Count									
AREA COVERED	NWD	CCR	SPR	Tue Birdrs		AREA #	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	P	AREA	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP
Yellow-headed Blackbird						X						1			
Brewer's Blackbird						X						1			
Common Grackle															
Purple Finch						X								1	
Cassin's Finch						X									
House Finch	181	20	135	59		X	6	232	89	55	166	12	209	10	5
Common Redpoll						X		3						1	
Pine Siskin						X		2			1		53		
American Goldfinch		2	2			X		4			4			9	1
Evening Grosbeak			4			X		3			2			1	
House Sparrow	5	1f	177		81	X	11	33		20	196	11	3	40	
TOTAL SPECIES - 109	35	49	39	26	11		19	48	28	30	53	47	25	40	30
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2705	6771	3404	166	1178		235	3152	825	1368	2900	3597	1303	814	547

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1989 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips.
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, & 1989) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location. Please refer to the supplement of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 24, Number 11 (August 1989), for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Pacific Loon 12-16 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N
Snow Goose 12-2 (30 "White" morph, 1 adult "Blue" morph) Bijou Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR)N
Merlin 12-13 thru 12-20 (1) 2447 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver, Denver Co. (MB)N
Mourning Dove 12-22 (6) Crown Hill Park, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co. (PE)N; 12-26 (1) Near Masters, Weld Co. (JR)N
Short-eared Owl 12-16 (1) 14 miles SE of Julesburg, Sedgwick Co. (DB)N
Red-bellied Woodpecker 12-13 (1m) Co. Rd. 16 & CO Hwy. 144, Morgan Co. (JR)N
Northern Flicker 12-22 (1 "Yellow-shafted" race) Newland St., Denver (PE)N
Say's Phoebe 12-9 (1) Ken-Caryl Ranch, Jefferson Co. (AH)F
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 12-5 thru 12-31 (1) Brooks Dr., Arvada, Jefferson Co. (AH)N
Hermit Thrush 12-2 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)N
Curve-billed Thrasher 12-20 (1) Co. Rd. LN3 at CO Hwys. 96 & 167, Crowley Co. (JR)N
American Pipit 12-30 (8) John Martin marsh, Bent Co. (DB)N
Yellow-rumped Warbler 12-30 (1) 2025 So. Monroe, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ)S
Pyrrhuloxia 12-20 (1f) 3 mi. SE of Holly, Prowers Co. (DB)F,(DM,DN,JR,DS)N. First state record.
Chipping Sparrow 12-7 thru 12-20 (1) 150 So. 36th, Boulder, Boulder Co. (HW,PG)N
Savannah Sparrow 12-23 (1) John Martin marsh (DB)N
White-throated Sparrow 12-16 (1) 150 So. 36th, Boulder (HW)N
Golden-crowned Sparrow 12-26 (1i) Muir Springs Park (JR)N

Abbreviations used above: N=No details; S=Some written details; F=rare-bird Form submitted; f=female; m=male; i=immature.

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1989 Christmas Bird Count																30	30	DECEMBER 1989
7B	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	FEEDERS		GRAND	BAR	URB	AREA COVERED
MSP	CSR	USP	LDC	UDC	DHM	NTC	IHL	UB	KCR	MWB	WCK	ML	PLNS	FHL	TOTAL	P	P	LIFE ZONES VISITED
											1				2			Yellow-headed Blackbird
															1	89	75	Brewer's Blackbird
															3			Common Grackle
															1			Purple Finch
					7	25	26							44	102			Cassin's Finch
4	3	5	1		1		2		187	25	30	100	774	9	1925	165	1543	House Finch
1															5			Common Redpoll
2				1	22	30	28					9	62	64	274		4	Pine Siskin
56	56		2	2					20		6	21	19	4	204	8	44	American Goldfinch
				20	7	55	30						54	78	250			Evening Grosbeak
							3		72	1	13	115	371		889	1482	2578	House Sparrow
40	40	32	29	16	20	14	24	8	26	18	30	24	36	20	101	46	69	TOTAL SPECIES - 109
1010	889	356	169	191	268	231	290	77	884	407	1308	651	3739	735	25634	20554	23644	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

DECEMBER RECORD OF THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT (423-5582) *

David Martin informs that 85 reports and 23 updates of 35 species and a hybrid were phoned in to the Colorado Bird Report in December. Of the 35 species reported, 20 are not reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. Those species are: Tundra Swan, Trumpeter Swan, Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross' Goose, Greater Scaup, Oldsquaw, Barrow's Goldeneye, Peregrine Falcon, Sora, Glaucous Gull, Williamson's Sapsucker, Vermilion Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Common Yellowthroat, Fox Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Great-tailed Grackle, Red Crossbill, and White-winged Crossbill. 2304 calls were made to the Bird Report for information.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT

Thanks are extended to the following persons for their recent contributions to the Colorado Bird Report: Toni Brevillier, Dan Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. John Buchtel, Tim Davis, Warren Finch, Phyllis Fischer, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Joe Himmel, Jan Justice, Katherine M. King, Mike & Diana Kinsey, Alice Kruse, Mary Lederer, David Pantle, Vivian L. Pliler, Larry Sanders, Dick Schottler, Cheryl Scott, Fran Seifert, Aaron Sell, Don & Jo Shrode, Scott Seltman, Anne Southcott, Frances Sperl, Joe TenBrink, Eleanor A. White.

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DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS - 1954 THROUGH 1989
(Compiled by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes)

Year	Number of Species	Number of Individuals	New Species Added*	Party Hours	Number of Parties	Number of Observers	Feeder Watchers
1954	80	11586	76	100	12	33	#
1955	83	10263	18	72	8	22	#
1956	86	5732	6	66	8	17	#
1957	84	9409	6	88	9	22	#
1958	79	8341	3	53	6	16	#
1959	73	5806	3	56	8	21	#
1960	74	5437	2	78	9	27	#
1961	78	4027	6	67	8	23	#
1962	80	8277	3	69	9	27	#
1963	79	6278	0	57	7	21	#
1964	79	8154	1	59	8	32	#
1965	90	10984	0	69	8	41	#
1966	86	8164	1	48	8	26	#
1967	92	13022	2	60	6	32	6
1968	93	13550	3	130	13	56	12
1969	92	12658	1	180	17	65	15
1970	100	14518	3	179	17	67	22
1971	104	16162	3	189	20	72	19
1972	95	17073	2	164	22	63	20
1973	107	23808	4	331	30	95	26
1974	107	20573	5	216	31	94	29
1975	106	20693	3	276	34	104	20
1976	106	24757	1	298	41	118	31
1977	113	29543	3	285	37	100	34
1978	102	16937	2	276	36	110	39
1979	98	26795	1	267	31	116	33
1980	101	21811	0	208	26	79	45
1981	110	33304	2	243	33	114	40
1982	103	27607	2	225	31	97	38
1983	93	26330	1	207	29	109	41
1984	99	30972	1	230	29	95	45
1985	93	18993	2	220	27	83	41
1986	102	22467	0	232	29	94	35
1987	100	39486	0	246	31	92	46
1988	97	27388	1	231	27	83	55
1989	101	25634	0	198	27	88	51

* Based on A.O.U. CHECK-LIST (1983) and Supplements (1985, 1987, 1989)

\# Feeder Watchers did not officially participate until 1967

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Species	Year Added to Count	Number of Years Recorded #	Number of Years Recorded %	Highest Number of Individuals Counted Number	Highest Number of Individuals Counted Years(s)
1 Red-throated Loon	1956	4	11	1	'56,'73,'77,'82
2 Pacific Loon	1981	2	6	3	'81
3 Common Loon	1970	6	17	5	'80
4 Yellow-billed Loon	1981	3	8	2	'82
5 Pied-billed Grebe	1954	25	69	92	'81
6 Horned Grebe	1956	8	22	4	'65
7 Eared Grebe	1974	4	11	6	'81
8 Western Grebe	1958	14	39	7	'82
9 Double-crested Cormorant	1976	10	28	4	'81
10 Great Blue Heron	1954	31	86	61	'77,'81
11 Black-crowned Night-Heron	1985	2	6	2	'85
12 Tundra Swan	1954	7	19	9	'57
Mute Swan	#1967	8	---	8	'68
13 Greater White-fronted Goose	1964	8	22	11	'73
14 Snow Goose ("White" morph)	1958	11	31	8	'81,'87
15 Ross Goose	1977	2	6	6	'82
16 Canada Goose	1954	36	100	11665	'87
17 Wood Duck	1954	31	86	58	'85
18 Green-winged Teal	1954	36	100	204	'87
19 American Black Duck	1968	2	6	1	'68,'87
20 Mallard	1954	36	100	2928	'67
21 Northern Pintail	1954	36	100	180	'74
22 Blue-winged Teal	1974	2	6	2	'77
23 Northern Shoveler	1954	32	89	70	'77
24 Gadwall	1954	36	100	206	'57

Species	Year Added to Count	Number of Years Recorded #	%	Highest Number of Individuals Counted Number	Years(s)
25 American Wigeon	1954	36	100	603	'81
26 Canvasback	1954	26	72	53	'66
27 Redhead	1954	34	94	199	'57
28 Ring-necked Duck	1954	36	100	408	'89
29 Greater Scaup	1967	8	22	6	'68,'77
30 Lesser Scaup	1954	32	89	166	'84
31 Oldsquaw	1970	4	11	5	'80
32 Surf Scoter	1962	1	3	1	'62
33 White-winged Scoter	1973	2	6	1	'73,'89
34 Common Goldeneye	1954	36	100	265	'88
35 Barrow's Goldeneye	1973	4	11	1	'73,'84,'85,'86
36 Bufflehead	1954	31	86	83	'86
37 Hooded Merganser	1955	32	89	53	'89
38 Common Merganser	1954	36	100	3000	'54
39 Red-breasted Merganser	1954	14	39	9	'82
40 Ruddy Duck	1954	24	67	20	'62
41 Bald Eagle	1955	17	47	5	'83,'85
42 Northern Harrier	1955	34	94	32	'80
43 Sharp-shinned Hawk	1955	28	78	11	'87
44 Cooper's Hawk	1956	28	78	5	'85
45 Northern Goshawk	1955	20	56	4	'73,'82,'85
46 Red-tailed Hawk	1954	36	100	64	'88
"Western" race	1954	36	100	64	'88
"Harlan's" race	1954	23	64	12	'81
47 Ferruginous Hawk	1961	19	53	10	'85,'88
48 Rough-legged Hawk	1955	35	97	24	'85
49 Golden Eagle	1954	33	92	13	'74,'79
50 American Kestrel	1954	36	100	64	'81
51 Merlin	1956	20	56	5	'81
52 Peregrine Falcon	1954	1	3	1	'54
53 Prairie Falcon	1954	35	97	9	'84
54 Ring-necked Pheasant	1954	35	97	72	'60
55 Blue Grouse	1958	17	47	13	'80
56 Wild Turkey	1978	5	14	19	'87
57 Virginia Rail	1974	14	39	19	'74
58 Sora	1974	1	3	4	'74
59 American Coot	1954	36	100	636	'81
60 Killdeer	1954	36	100	61	'81
61 Common Snipe	1954	36	100	45	'75
62 Ring-billed Gull	1954	36	100	4198	'86
63 California Gull	1973	11	31	15	'82
64 Herring Gull	1954	34	94	421	'86
65 Thayer's Gull	*1975	6	35	5	'86
66 Glaucous Gull	1954	4	11	1	'54,'65,'71,'73
67 Rock Dove	*1973	17	100	1600	'89
68 Mourning Dove	1955	23	64	100	'57
69 Barn Owl	1975	1	3	1	'75
70 Eastern Screech-Owl	+1982	6	75	1	'82,'83,'85,'86,'87,'88
Screech-Owl species	1955	26	72	5	'77
71 Great Horned Owl	1954	35	97	41	'81
72 Northern Pygmy-Owl	1959	14	39	4	'76
73 Long-eared Owl	1955	21	58	9	'76
74 Short-eared Owl	1955	7	19	4	'55
75 Belted Kingfisher	1954	36	100	83	'81
76 Lewis' Woodpecker	1955	4	11	2	'70,'76

Species	Year Added to Count	Number of Years Recorded #	%	Highest Number of Individuals Counted Number	Years(s)
77 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker sp.	1970	4	11	3	'80
78 Downy Woodpecker	1954	36	100	88	'89
79 Hairy Woodpecker	1954	36	100	53	'72,'81
80 Three-toed Woodpecker	1972	4	11	1	'72,'74,'75,'78
81 Northern Flicker	1954	36	100	352	'88
"Red-shafted" race	1954	36	100	352	'88
"Yellow-shafted" race	1977	4	11	2	'80
82 Vermilion Flycatcher	1957	1	3	1	'57
83 Horned Lark	1954	35	97	867	'83
84 Gray Jay	1968	3	8	1	'68,'77,'78
85 Steller's Jay	1954	36	100	546	'73
86 Blue Jay	1957	25	69	117	'87
87 Scrub Jay	1954	36	100	167	'86
88 Pinyon Jay	1966	2	6	4	'66,'67
89 Clark's Nutcracker	1955	10	28	40	'72
90 Black-billed Magpie	1954	36	100	1832	'81
91 American Crow	1954	36	100	721	'79
92 Chihuahuan Raven	1971	2	6	2	'73
93 Common Raven	1955	27	75	162	'73
94 Black-capped Chickadee	1954	36	100	623	'89
95 Mountain Chickadee	1954	36	100	567	'71
96 Bushtit	1956	14	39	187	'78
97 Red-breasted Nuthatch	1955	31	86	85	'72
98 White-breasted Nuthatch	1954	36	100	91	'76
99 Pygmy Nuthatch	1954	36	100	419	'76
100 Brown Creeper	1954	36	100	54	'81
101 Rock Wren	1954	8	22	5	'70
102 Canyon Wren	1954	36	100	18	'58
103 Bewick's Wren	1961	1	3	1	'61
104 House Wren	1975	2	6	1	'75,'79
105 Winter Wren	1954	16	44	7	'74
106 Marsh Wren	1955	17	47	11	'74
107 American Dipper	1954	36	100	41	'81
108 Golden-crowned Kinglet	1954	27	75	43	'71
109 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1960	17	47	11	'81
110 Western Bluebird	1974	2	6	6	'87
111 Mountain Bluebird	1961	3	8	2	'75
112 Townsend's Solitaire	1954	36	100	302	'77
113 Hermit Thrush	1971	2	6	1	'71,'89
114 Wood Thrush	1984	1	3	1	'84
115 American Robin	1954	35	97	1198	'87
116 Gray Catbird	1988	1	3	1	'88
117 Northern Mockingbird	1955	11	31	2	'62,'68
118 Brown Thrasher	1962	10	28	2	'89
119 American Pipit	1957	21	58	11	'88
120 Bohemian Waxwing	1956	13	36	5871	'87
121 Cedar Waxwing	1954	19	53	140	'87
122 Northern Shrike	1954	36	100	18	'75
123 Loggerhead Shrike	1955	6	17	2	'79
124 European Starling	1954	36	100	5559	'79
125 Cape May Warbler	1985	1	3	1	'85
126 Yellow-rumped Warbler	1957	7	19	5	'57
"Myrtle" race	1957	2	6	1	'57
"Audubon's" race	1957	4	11	4	'57

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127 Pine Warbler	1979	2	6	1	'79,'86
128 Common Yellowthroat	1973	1	3	1	'73
129 Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1977	1	3	1	'77
130 Green-tailed Towhee	1962	5	14	1	'62,'69,'86,'87,'89
131 Rufous-sided Towhee	1954	36	100	83	'83
132 Canyon Towhee	1961	1	3	2	'61
133 American Tree Sparrow	1954	36	100	3538	'73
134 Fox Sparrow	1954	17	47	6	'70
135 Song Sparrow	1954	36	100	344	'81
136 Lincoln's Sparrow	1954	12	33	4	'73
137 Swamp Sparrow	1954	20	56	5	'77,'89
138 White-throated Sparrow	1954	23	64	14	'77
139 Golden-crowned Sparrow	1967	3	8	1	'67,'84,'86
140 White-crowned Sparrow	1954	36	100	348	'65
141 Harris' Sparrow	1955	32	89	40	'69
142 Dark-eyed Junco	1954	36	100	2158	'79
"White-winged" race	1954	36	100	253	'72
"Slate-colored" race	1954	36	100	462	'83
"Oregon" race @	1954	36	100	923	'74
"Gray-headed" race	1954	36	100	618	'74
143 McCown's Longspur	1978	1	3	2	'78
144 Lapland Longspur	1972	8	22	20	'83
145 Chestnut-collared Longspur	1957	2	6	3	'78
146 Snow Bunting	1977	2	6	12	'83
147 Red-winged Blackbird	1954	36	100	2692	'64
148 Western Meadowlark	1954	36	100	515	'62
149 Yellow-headed Blackbird	1957	5	14	2	'89
150 Rusty Blackbird	1959	13	36	20	'81
151 Brewer's Blackbird	1954	31	86	619	'58
152 Common Grackle	1959	6	17	11	'76
153 Brown-headed Cowbird	1983	1	3	1	'83
154 Northern Oriole	1982	1	3	1	'82
"Bullock's race	1982	1	3	1	'82
155 Rosy Finch	1954	30	83	540	'72
"Gray-crowned" race	1954	26	72	535	'72
"Black" race	1954	20	56	25	'67,'75,'76
"Brown-capped" race	1954	7	19	208	'56
156 Pine Grosbeak	1961	9	25	20	'74
157 Purple Finch	1971	2	6	1	'71,'89
158 Cassin's Finch	1954	35	97	628	'63
159 House Finch	1954	36	100	1925	'89
160 Red Crossbill	1955	19	53	171	'84
161 White-winged Crossbill	1969	1	3	75	'69
162 Common Redpoll	1961	15	42	91	'75
163 Pine Siskin	1954	36	100	1185	'67
164 Lesser Goldfinch	1960	7	19	14	'64
165 American Goldfinch	1954	36	100	651	'54
166 Evening Grosbeak	1954	31	86	981	'84
167 House Sparrow	1954	36	100	1495	'75

Not considered feral in Colorado
* Not officially counted until 1973
+ Not officially counted until 1982
@ Includes "Pink-sided" race

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FEBRUARY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED
If you would like to lead a field trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS
All field trip participants are urged to carpool whenever possible to help conserve energy and reduce air pollution. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled field trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS
Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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FEB. 3, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK, & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 8:00 AM south of Albertson's on northwest corner of So. Broadway and County Line Road. *

FEB. 4, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK SRA. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of SRA east of Cherry Creek High School. *

FEB. 10, Saturday. FEEDERS IN LITTLETON & DEER CREEK CANYON. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:30 AM at Safeway parking lot at So. Logan St. & US 285 (E. Hampden Blvd.). *

FEB.11, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. *

FEB. 17, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Alex Cruz (1-776-8989). Carpool at 7:15 AM south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (a block east of Wadsworth Blvd.) Meet leader at 8:00 AM at Bureau of Standards parking lot at 325 Broadway in Boulder (take Baseline exit off of the turnpike, turn left onto Baseline and left again at "To Broadway" sign). *

FEB. 18, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Anne Southcott (979-1455). Meet at 8:00 AM at Park & Ride on So. Wadsworth Blvd. just south of US 285 (Hampden). *

FEB. 24, Saturday. BEAR CREEK. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM west of Burlington Coat Factory in southwest part of Bear Valley Shopping Center (on So. Sheridan north of Hampden). *

FEB. 25, Sunday. URBAN PLATTE RIVER. Leader: Dick Pratt (759-5568). Meet at 8:00 AM at Safeway parking lot at So. Logan St. & US 285 (E. Hampden Blvd.). Half-day trip. Lunch optional.

* Bring lunch.

Submitted by:
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

TUESDAY BIRDERS: You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: *The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.*

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BULLETIN: *A monthly bulletin, **The Lark Bunting**, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.*

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FEBRUARY 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

FEBRUARY 3, Saturday (SPC)
Sedalia and Plum Creek. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Hilda Eichenberger, Alan & Dee Hay, Joey Kellner, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind, S 0-5 MPH). 80 miles by car, ? miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (36 species, 441 individuals).

FEBRUARY 4, Sunday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: John Bregar, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, S 0-5 MPH; 22-58F). 38 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 9.5 hours birding. (36 species, 1820 individuals).

FEBRUARY 10, Saturday (FDR)
Feeders: Littleton, Deer Creek, Turkey Creek, Willow Springs Ranch. Leader: Robert Spencer. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, Jean Maguire, Thompson Marsh, Anne Southcott, Joe TenBrink. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NW 0-35 MPH; 40-55F). 55 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (36 species, 388 individuals).

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FEBRUARY 11, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake & vicinity. Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Marta Deutman, Alan & Dee Hay, Bonnie Hay, Sarah McDowell, Dick Pratt, Mort Staatz. (Clear; Wind, NE 5-15 MPH; 28-58F). 32 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (25 species, 1103 individuals).

FEBRUARY 17, Saturday (BDR)
Boulder area: Chataqua Park, Enchanted Mesa, Valmont Reservoir. Leader: Alexander Cruz, Jr. Observers: Glenn Hageman, Annette Higgins, Hazel Kellogg, John Prather, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler, Chris Wood. (Sunny in AM, overcast in PM; Calm to windy; Snow cover 0-4 in.; 20-40F). 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (48 species, 1524 individuals).

FEBRUARY 18, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield SRA. Leader: Anne Southcott. Observers: Joe & Norma Kamby, Jack Reddall, Joyce Takamine (Los Alamos, NM), Virgil Williams. (Sunny; Wind, N 0-10 MPH; 25-36F). 30 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (30 species, 1332 individuals).

FEBRUARY 24, Saturday (BCK)
Bear Creek: Plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Irma Applegren, Mike & Rose Barber, Hazel Kellogg, Tim Maguire, Hugh Ravatt, Chuck Romeo, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Partly sunny; Wind, light; 40-55F). 30 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (27 species, 207 individuals).

FEBRUARY 25, Sunday (URB)
Urban South Platte River: Overland Park to South Platte Park. Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: None showed up. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 60F). 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (30 species, 2232 individuals).

FEBRUARY 26, Monday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Sterling via I-76; Sterling to Crook via U.S. 138; Tamarack Ranch SWA; Red Lion SWA; Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Observers: Glenn Hageman, Alan Hay, Joe Himmel, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NW 10-25 MPH; 20-48F). 385 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (48 species, 8294 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Reported by Monna Krebs)

Feb. 6, Sloan's Lake, Crown Hill, Coors Ponds, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Prospect Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 42 observers. (25 species, 1527 individuals).

Feb. 22, South Platte Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 19 observers. (33 species, 532 individuals).

Feb. 27, Chatfield Arboretum. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers. (17 species, 246 individuals).

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Only 79 species were reported on the eight scheduled DFO Field Trips. Six additional species were recorded on the one independent trip (NEC). One more species was added by the Tuesday Birders. Fourteen more species are listed under "Additional Reports" on page 56. The Colorado Bird Report listed 18 species not included in the above numbers making a total of 118 species compared to 127 species in January.

All of the DFO trips except the one to Chatfield SRA (CHA) had at least one species seen on no other scheduled trip. The trip to Sedalia and Plum Creek (SPC) had the only Evening Grosbeaks. The trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR) had six species seen on no other trip including a Thayer's Gull. Those on that trip reported five morphs of Red-tailed Hawk including a "light" morph of "Harlan's" race. The feeder trip (FDR) had five species seen on no other trip including a Brown Thrasher. The trip to Barr Lake had two species not seen on other trips while the Boulder trip (BDR) had five including two Double-crested Cormorants. The trips to Bear Creek (BCK) and the urban South Platte River (URB) each had one species not seen on other trips.

Among the special sightings on the independent trip to northeast Colorado were Greater-white Fronted Goose, both "White" and "Blue" morphs of Snow Goose, and Red-bellied Woodpecker.

ABBREVIATIONS used in following table: F=Foothills, N=Nesting, P=Plains, a=adult, f=female, i=immature, m=male.

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FEBRUARY 1990	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	26	6	22	27
AREA COVERED	SPC	CCR	FDR	BAR	BDR	CHA	BCK	URB	NEC	Tuesday Birders		
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	PF	P	PF	P	PF	P	P	P	P	P
Pied-billed Grebe					1							
Horned Grebe					3	1						
Double-crested Cormorant					2							
Great Blue Heron			1						1		1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron								8			1	
Greater White-fronted Goose									1a			
Snow Goose												
"White" morph									2500			
"Blue" morph									15			
Canada Goose		200	30	251	250	250	13	538	3500	561	66	98
Wood Duck			16					4		1m		
Green-winged Teal		65			1	125		35	20	1	3	
Mallard	12	50	60	33	100	100	21	288	750	150	236	4
Northern Pintail					50	400			500		6	
Northern Shoveler					2			713		368	2	
Gadwall			6			8		32	10	21	2	
American Wigeon	2				1	4		98	2			
Canvasback					1							
Redhead	6	1m1f			30	200		7	40	5	14	
Ring-necked Duck	12				20	30		2	3		2	
Lesser Scaup					1	1			3			
Common Goldeneye	1	20			20	25	3	76	1m	32	6	
Bufflehead					2			3		2	12	
Hooded Merganser	3				2			7				
Common Merganser	120	300			500	12		30	250	59	12	
Red-breasted Merganser	3	5m1f			5			1		2		
Ruddy Duck					2							
Bald Eagle					1a				9a9i		1	
Northern Harrier		1m		1					1m3f			
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1a										
Cooper's Hawk			1				1					
Accipiter species					1							
Red-tailed Hawk	2		6		1						3	1
western races				1		2	2		9			
"Light" morph		2										
"Dark" morph		2										
"Rufous" morph		1										
"Harlan's" race						1	1					
"Light" morph		1										
"Dark" morph		1										
Ferruginous Hawk		4	2	6			2		1			
Rough-legged Hawk	4	1		4		1			8			
Buteo species								1				
Golden Eagle			1						1i			
American Kestrel	1	1		2	1	1	2	1	7	2	1	
Merlin			1									
Prairie Falcon									3			
Ring-necked Pheasant		3m										
American Coot	24	2			10			32		6	1	
Killdeer		2									2	
Common Snipe		1					1					
Ring-billed Gull	3	6	2	4	100	30		88	130	247	40	
California Gull		20										
Herring Gull	1				3	10			20	1		
Thayer's Gull		1i										
Rock Dove		14	36	6	7	2	2	83	20	21	32	
Eastern Screech-Owl										1		
Great-horned Owl		4	1			2			2a			1N
Belted Kingfisher						1	2	1		1	3	
Red-bellied Woodpecker									1m			
Downy Woodpecker	3				1	1						1
"Batchelder's" race				1								
eastern races		2m3f	3				2		2			
Hairy Woodpecker			1									
"Rocky Mountain" race					2							
eastern races									1			
Northern Flicker					2			13	7			
"Red-shafted" race		4	4	1		2	6			1	4	
Horned Lark				148					5			
Steller's Jay	4		6		12							
Blue Jay			4						15			
Scrub Jay	19		7									

FEBRUARY 1990	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	26	6	22	27
AREA COVERED	SPC	CCR	FDR	BAR	BDR	CHA	BCK	URB	NEC	Tuesday Birders		
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	PF	P	PF	P	PF	P	P	P	P	P
Black-billed Magpie	14	60	7	10	30	15	12	33	15	3	15	25
American Crow	4		4		2	20		3		1	1	31
Common Raven	3				1	2						
Black-capped Chickadee	12	8	11	7	15	7	10	2	10	8	10	2
Mountain Chickadee	7		9		15							
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1		4							
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		2		8		3		1		1	
Pygmy Nuthatch	5				150		50					
Brown Creeper							1				2	
Marsh Wren		1										
American Dipper						1	2					
Townsend's Solitaire	3		1		3							
American Robin	3	20	4	2	2		2	2	90		2	6
Brown Thrasher			1									
Cedar Waxwing									3			
Northern Shrike									2			
European Starling	36	820	10	448	25	25	25	58	60	4	20	36
American Tree Sparrow	13	20		22		50	12		50		1	
Song Sparrow	2	9		6			3		1			3
White-crowned Sparrow				1								11
"Gambel's" race									1a			
Dark-eyed Junco				28								4
"White-winged" race	3		2									
"Slate-colored" race	4	1	2		1		2		2			
"Oregon" race	11	2	11		20				15			
"Gray-headed" race	1		16		40							
Red-winged Blackbird		150	50	66		4	12	2	45		4	10
Western Meadowlark		2		11					20			1
Cassin's Finch	5		7									
House Finch	20	2	20	9	15		10	2	30	13	1	
Red Crossbill					14f4m		3					
Pine Siskin	62		17		40				4			
American Goldfinch	2	5	19	1	1				45			10
Evening Grosbeak	6											
House Sparrow	3		6	34	6		2	69	50	16	25	2
TOTAL SPECIES	36	36	36	25	48	30	27	30	48	25	33	17
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	444	1820	388	1103	1524	1350	207	2232	8294	1527	532	246

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1990 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips.
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, & 1989) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location. Please refer to the supplement of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 24, Number 11 (August 1989), for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Clark's Nutcracker 2-10 (10) West Chicago Creek, Clear Creek Co. (WF)N
Plain Titmouse 2-11 (2) Pueblo SWA, Pueblo Co. (JB)N
Bushtit 2-11 (5) Pueblo SWA (JB)N
Canyon Wren 2-19 (1) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (AH)N
Bewick's Wren 2-11 (3) Arkansas River below Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (JB)N
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2-1 (1) 869 Milwaukee St., Denver, Denver Co. (HK)N; 2-1 to 2-28 (1) 6361 Brooks Dr., Arvada, Jefferson Co. (AH)N
Mountain Bluebird 2-14 (1) Cedar St. at So. Birch, Denver (UK)N
Bohemian Waxwing 2-6 (20) Near County Line Rd. & Colorado Blvd., Arapahoe Co. (JB)N; 2-10 (30) West Chicago Creek (WF)N; 2-11 (60) Between Beulah and Lake Isabel, Pueblo Co. (JB)N
Canyon Towhee 2-11 (2) Crow Cutoff, Pueblo Co. (JB)N
Chipping Sparrow 2-1 to 2-28 (1) 150 So. 36th, Boulder, Boulder Co. (HW)N
Rusty Blackbird 2-22 (1) 42 So. Balsam St., Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (PH)N
Common Grackle 2-10 (1) Ralston Rd. & Upham St., Arvada (AH)N; 2-28 (2) Crown

Hill Park, Jefferson Co. (PE)N
Rosy Finch 2-10 "Gray-crowned" race (10), "Black" race (2), "Brown-capped" race (250) West Chicago Creek (WF)N
Common Redpoll (5) 2-23 Ward, Boulder Co. (AH)N

Abbreviation used above: N=No details

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FEBRUARY RECORD OF THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT (423-5582)

David Martin informs that 79 reports and 14 updates of 25 species were phoned in to the Colorado Bird Report in February. Of the 25 species reported, 18 are not reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. Those species are: Ross Goose, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Barrow's Goldeneye, White-tailed Ptarmigan, Bobwhite, Virginia Rail, Sora, Mew Gull, Barn Owl, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Field Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Great-tailed Grackle, Purple Finch, Lesser Goldfinch. 2235 calls were made to the Bird Report for information.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT

Thanks are extended to the following persons for their recent contributions to the Colorado Bird Report: Jane K. Clarke, Marjorie Foland, Allan C. Hahn, Catherine Hurlbutt, Bob & Jeanne Jickling, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Koewing, Barney & Pat Poole, Buck Witten.

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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bird-Banding Workshops

The Colorado Bird Observatory will conduct bird-banding workshops on April 6 & 7. You only have to attend one. The workshops will run from 8 AM to 4 PM with a break for lunch. They will be held at the Denver Museum of Natural History. There is no obligation for you to become a CBO volunteer bander, but there is a registration fee for the class: $15 for CBO members and $20 for nonmembers. If you decide to be actively involved with banding, the CBO will be operating banding stations this spring near Evergreen and Lakewood. Call the CBO office (659-4348) after March 20 to register for a workshop.

Yard Bird and Wildlife Workshop

Find out how to attract quality birds to your yard while avoiding getting those birds and critters you don't want at your feeders. Classes instructed by Tina Jones in conjunction with the Denver Museum of Natural History's Urban Wildlife exhibit will cover seed selection for specific birds, placement of bird houses, how to maintain a disease-free environment, and native plantings that attract birds and wildlife. There will be many handouts on plantings and nurseries. The classes will be held from 7 PM to 9 PM on Mondays, March 26 and April 2. The cost will be $20 for Museum members and $30 for nonmembers. Call the museum at 370-6303 to register.

CFO Spotted Owl Trip
The Colorado Field Ornithologists will conduct a trip to Mesa Verde to see Spotted Owl(s) on April 6-8. Call Peter Gent (494-1750) for details.

CFO Convention in May
The Colorado Field Ornithologists convention will be held in Pueblo on May 18-20. Call Dave Martin (422-9143 for information.

Notification of Change of Address
Please notify the Treasurer of change in your address. DO NOT contact the editor!

Failure to receive the *Lark Bunting*
For one-time failure to receive the *Lark Bunting*, contact the Editor (Tel. 232-7421), who normally has extra copies to mail out as replacements. If you fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* two months in a row, contact the Treasurer in writing.

ENJOY BIRDING THE ATLAS WAY
(Hugh Kingery)

Four-jay bridge - that's what Dave Martin's group exploring the Castle Rock North Breeding Bird Atlas block called the site where they saw Blue, Steller's, Scrub, and Pinyon Jays. The Pinyon Jays were courting, but apparently did not stick around to nest. Virginia Bleck and Randy Lentz have adopted a block a year: Virginia worked on plains blocks near Bennett and Randy backpacked into blocks near Kenosha Pass and Mount Evans. His best atlas discovery was a Saw-whet Owl at about 10,500 feet.

With a structure built on volunteers, the Colorado Bird Atlas has big ideas: it needs at least 500 workers to gather data on Colorado birds in order to construct a detailed baseline on the distribution of breeding birds in Colorado.

Atlas Regional Coordinators David Martin and Dick Schottler invite more DFO members to join up as field workers.

In Atlas work to date Colorado atlasers have found 246 species possibly breeding and have confirmed 214 of them as currently breeding species. Volunteers don't have to know how to identify all 246 breeding species; they do have to be familiar with the species which breed in the habitats in their Atlas blocks.

Surveyors identify the breeding birds, the habitats they use, and their abundance. Behavioral observations provide data for assessing the breeding status of each species. Atlasers don't need to find nests - they look for evidence of breeding behavior: nest building, carrying food, feeding fledglings, courtship, territorial activities, etc.

Atlas field workers survey breeding birds throughout the state, in blocks about three miles on a side, one in each topographic quad (1,760 in all). The Atlas will provide useful information for wildlife management, environmental planning, and bird distribution in Colorado. So far the 400 field workers have collected data on 553 blocks; to complete the project, the Atlas needs more field workers.

Persons interested in participating in the Atlas may call a Regional Coordinator: for the plains, David Martin (422-9143 or leave a message on the Colorado Bird Report); for the mountains, Dick Schottler (278-8035). Or write to Colorado Bird Atlas, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80206, or contact Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Most blocks near Denver have field workers assigned, although not all of them.

Atlas highlights have included the first nesting Buffleheads in Colorado, the second site for nesting Black Phoebe in the state (found by Mark Yaeger and Bob Doyle on Pueblo Reservoir), and new locations for Purple Martins, Great-tailed Grackles, Swainson's Hawk, Blue-gray Gnatchatcher, Grace's Warbler, and White-faced Ibis.

The robin has been reported from more blocks than any other species. It nests throughout Colorado, in the plains, mountains, and western mesas and valleys. Other species recorded most frequently include flicker, Mourning Dove, meadowlark, and magpie.

Frustrations have been the failure to confirm new nesting species like White-winged Crossbill and Field Sparrow or rare nesting species like Northern Cardinal and Barrow's Goldeneye.

SUMMARY OF 1989 DFO SCHEDULED FIELD TRIPS
(Compiled by Phil Hayes)

During 1989, the Denver Field Ornithologists conducted 95 scheduled field trips (excluding Spring, Fall, and Christmas Counts) which were conducted by 41 different leaders and participated in by 1084 people including the leaders. A total of 5838 miles were driven by car and 230.5 miles were covered on foot on those field trips. A total of 638.45 hours were spent in the field birdwatching. Thus, the average scheduled field trip lasted 6.7 hours, covered about 64 miles, and was attended by 11.4 observers. The scheduled field trips recorded 287 species which was up 15 species from the 1988 total of 272. A grand total of 353 species were recorded in 1989 in the *Lark Bunting* from all sources, i.e., scheduled DFO Field Trips; the Spring, Fall, and Christmas Counts; and from "Additional Reports". This is 25 species more than the grand total of 328 recorded in 1988. Of the 353 species recorded last year, 195 were seen at Chatfield SRA and 152 were seen at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA.

We are all grateful to Ruth Breckon and Ruth Wheeler for their efforts in arranging the field trips and to all of the field trip leaders.

DFO FIELD TRIPS FOR 1989 SUMMARIZED

	NUMBER OF FIELD TRIPS		MILES COVERED BY CAR		MILES COVERED ON FOOT		HOURS SPENT BIRDING		NUMBER OF OBSERVERS	
MONTH	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
January	10	6	363	88	16.5	14	51.5	29	81	47
February	7	6	316	330	18.5	7.0	53.00	35.75	63	101
March	7	7	430	187	21.0	26.5	54.00	50.00	85	91
April	8	10	1077	996	28.0	19.5	59.50	79.00	107	98
May	6	6	281	363	16.5	20.5	31.00	57.50	63	88
June	15	11	692	154	41.0	25.5	86.50	51.10	137	125
July	11	12	566	752	34.0	30.0	71.00	75.50	124	143
August	8	9	669	561	25.0	22.9	84.50	60.00	100	96
September	6	7	1092	1073	16.0	17.7	65.00	63.25	72	72
October	10	9	448	771	30.0	22.5	59.00	63.00	113	98
November	10	9	599	443	24.5	14.5	41.75	51.85	102	102
December	2	3	71	120	5.0	9.9	16.00	22.50	20	23
TOTALS	100	95	6604	5838	276.0	230.5	672.75	638.45	1067	1084
AVE./TRIP			66.0	61.4	2.8	2.4	7.1	6.7	10.7	11.4

SPECIES SEEN ON 1989 FIELD TRIPS AND NUMBER OF TRIPS EACH SPECIES SEEN PER MONTH

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Pacific Loon										1	1		2
Common Loon											2		2
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1	1	5	1	2	3	3	5	8	5	1	36
Horned Grebe		1	4	3						2	2	1	13
Eared Grebe			1	1		1	2		1	1	2	1	10
Western Grebe	1	1	1	6	1	4	4	3	3	3	3		30
Clark's Grebe	1			2		1	1	1	2				8
American White Pelican				2		2	3	4	2	2			15
Double-crested Cormorant	1		2	5	3	6	5	6	3	6			37
American Bittern						1							1
Great Blue Heron	3	1	3	7	2	6	5	5	4	6	5	3	50
Great Egret							1		1				2

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SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Snowy Egret				1		1	2	2	1				7
Cattle Egret				1			1	2					4
Green-backed Heron					1								1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1		1	2	1	4	3	5	1	1			19
White-face Ibis				2			2		1				5
Trumpeter Swan						1							1
Gtr. White-fronted Goose											1		1
Snow Goose			1								1		2
Canada Goose	6	5	7	10	4	6	5	5	5	9	7	3	72
Wood Duck	2		2	1	1		3		1	1	3	1	15
Green-winged Teal	2	3	6	9	1		3	1	3	7	7	2	44
Mallard	6	4	7	10	6	8	9	5	6	8	8	3	80
Northern Pintail	1	1	5	4		2	3		2	5	3	3	29
Blue-winged Teal			2	7	1	2	4	1	2	2	1		22
Cinnamon Teal		1	3	5		3	3						15
Northern Shoveler	3	1	5	8		1	1	1	2	4	4	2	32
Gadwall	3	1	6	10	1	4	6	3	3	9	7	2	55
American Wigeon	3	1	7	5			2		4	8	5	3	38
Canvasback	1	1	2	1						4	3		12
Redhead	1	2	6	5		2	1	1	3	5	3	2	31
Ring-necked Duck	2	1	5	4			2			7	4	1	26
Greater Scaup	1												1
Lesser Scaup	3	1	6	8	1		1		2	1	3		26
Surf Scoter											1		1
White-winged Scoter		1											1
Common Goldeneye	6	2	7	5							7	3	30
Bufflehead	2	1	4	4						5	4	3	23
Hooded Merganser	3	1	4						1	1	3	3	16
Common Merganser	3	2	6	3		1	3			5	5	2	30
Red-breasted Merganser	2	1	1									1	5
Ruddy Duck		1	2	4		1	2	2	3	3	2		20
Turkey Vulture			1	3	4	4	6	3	6				27
Osprey			1				1		1	1			4
Mississippi Kite									1				1
Bald Eagle	3	4	4	2		1	2			3	1	1	21
Northern Harrier	3	4	2	5	1	1	1	2	2	6	3	1	31
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	2	1	1	3		1		3	2	14
Cooper's Hawk			1	4	2	1			1		1		10
Northern Goshawk					1	1							2
Swainson's Hawk				5	4	1	6	4	4				24
Red-tailed Hawk	3	5	5	6	5	6	6	7	5	7	8	3	66
Ferruginous Hawk	2	4	2	3		1	1	1	1	3	3	2	23
Rough-legged Hawk	1	4	2	3						1	3	2	16
Golden Eagle	1	3	1	3	1	1	2	2	2			1	17
American Kestrel	5	2	6	10	4	9	8	7	5	6	4	1	67
Merlin		1						1			1		3
Peregrine Falcon				2	1				1				4
Prairie Falcon		2	1	2		1	1	1	3	3	2	1	17
Chukar					1								1
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	2	2	5	1	2	2	2	1	3	2		24
Blue Grouse				1									1
White-tailed Ptarmigan							1						1
Sage Grouse				1									1
Lesser Prairie Chicken									1				1
Sharp-tailed Grouse				1									1
Wild Turkey									1		1		2
Northern Bobwhite							1		1				2
Scaled Quail									1				1
Gambel's Quail					1								1
Virginia Rail			1	1		2	1	1	1		1	1	9
Sora					1	1	2		3				7
American Coot	3	2	6	8		5	4	4	2	6	7	3	50
Sandhill Crane				2						2			4
Whooping Crane										1			1
Black-bellied Plover											1		1
Snowy Plover									1				1
Semipalmated Plover				2					1				3
Killdeer	2	1	4	9	3	6	7	5	3	7	4	2	53
Mountain Plover				1									1

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SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Black-necked Stilt									1				1
American Avocet				3			3	2	1	1			10
Greater Yellowlegs			1	2		1	2	2	2	2			12
Lesser Yellowlegs				3			2	2	2	3			12
Solitary Sandpiper				1			3	1	2				7
Willet				4			3						7
Spotted Sandpiper				1	2	3	8	4	3				21
Upland Sandpiper							2		1				3
Long-billed Curlew							1						1
Marbled Godwit				2			1	1					4
Red Knot									1				1
Sanderling									1				1
Semipalmated Sandpiper				3			1	1					5
Western Sandpiper				1			3	2	2				8
Least Sandpiper				1			3	2	2		1		9
Baird's Sandpiper							2	2	1				5
Pectoral Sandpiper							1	1	1				3
Dunlin				1									1
Stilt Sandpiper							2	1	2				5
Long-billed Dowitcher				2			1	1	2	2	1		9
Common Snipe	2	1	4	6		1	5		2	3	1	1	26
Wilson's Phalarope				3			2	2	2				9
Red-necked Phalarope								1	1				2
Franklin's Gull			1	2		1	3	2	2	2			13
Little Gull									1				1
Bonaparte's Gull				1							1	1	3
Ring-billed Gull	5	4	6	8	1	4	4	5	5	9	8	3	62
California Gull			2	4		5	4	4	2	4	1	1	27
Herring Gull	4	2	4							1	1	2	14
Thayer's Gull			1									1	2
Caspian Tern							1						1
Forster's Tern				2	1	2	3	2	2				12
Black Tern						1	4	1	2				8
Rock Dove	4	5	6	8	4	3	6	7	3	8	6	3	63
Band-tailed Pigeon				1			1						2
Mourning Dove				7	6	8	8	7	6	4	2		48
Yellow-billed Cuckoo									1				1
Greater Roadrunner									1				1
Barn Owl									1				1
Eastern Screech-Owl				1			1			1			3
Western Screech-Owl									1				1
Great Horned Owl	2	4	5	6	2	2	4	2	3	2	4	2	38
Northern Pygmy-Owl							1				1		2
Burrowing Owl				3		2	3	2	1	1			12
Long-eared Owl				1									1
Common Nighthawk						1	5	2	1				9
Common Poorwill									1				1
Chimney Swift									1				1
White-throated Swift					2	5	1	1					9
Black-chinned Hummingbird					1		1		1				3
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				1	4	5	9	4	2				25
Rufous Hummingbird						1	2	1					4
Belted Kingfisher	4	2	2	7	3	3	6	4	4	3	3	1	42
Lewis' Woodpecker						2	1		4				7
Red-headed Woodpecker							2	1	1				4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1											1
Red-naped Sapsucker				1		1	4		2				8
Williamson's Sapsucker							5						5
Ladder-backed Woodpecker									1				1
Downy Woodpecker	5	4	6	3	1	6	4	3	5	8	4	2	51
Hairy Woodpecker	1	1		2		1	4	2	1		2		14
Northern Flicker	5	6	7	10	4	8	11	9	7	9	8	3	87
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1		2	3	1				7
Western Wood-Pewee					4	8	9	8	4				33
Eastern Wood-Pewee							1						1
Willow Flycatcher							1	1	1				3
Least Flycatcher							1	1	1				3
Hammond's Flycatcher							1	1					2
Dusky Flycatcher						1	1		1				3

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Gray Flycatcher					1								1
Cordilleran Flycatcher						2	5	2					9
Eastern Phoebe								1	1				2
Say's Phoebe				3	1		2	3	2				11
Vermilion Flycatcher				1									1
Ash-throated Flycatcher					1								1
Great Crested Flycatcher									1				1
Cassin's Kingbird					1				1				2
Western Kingbird					4	6	5	6	2				23
Eastern Kingbird					3	3	5	6	1				18
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher						1							1
Horned Lark	1	3	1	4	2	2	6	1	2	4	1	1	28
Tree Swallow			1	5		5	9	2					22
Violet-green Swallow				2	2	7	8	3					22
No. Rough-winged Swallow				1	2	2	1	2					8
Bank Swallow				1		1	2	1	1				6
Cliff Swallow					3	7	8	2	1				21
Barn Swallow				6	5	7	10	8	4	1			41
Gray Jay				1			4	1					6
Steller's Jay		2	3	2	2	2	5	2	3	4	2		27
Blue Jay		3	3	5		1	2	2	5	5	3	2	31
Scrub Jay		2	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	1		17
Pinyon Jay					1				1	1			3
Clark's Nutcracker				1		1	4		1	1	1		9
Black-billed Magpie	6	6	7	10	6	9	12	8	6	9	8	3	90
American Crow	3	3	4	6	4	2	5	3	5	5	5	2	47
Common Raven	2	3	4	2	3	4	7	3	3	4	2		37
Black-capped Chickadee	5	6	7	9	5	7	8	7	5	9	8	2	78
Mountain Chickadee	2	1	3	1		2	6	3	3	3	1		25
Plain Titmouse					1				1				2
Bushtit									1	1			2
Red-breasted Nuthatch							1	1	4	1			7
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	2	1	1	1	5	4	3	2	2		24
Pygmy Nuthatch						2	3	2		1	1		9
Brown Creeper	2	3	1						1	5	5	1	18
Rock Wren				1	2	2	3		2				10
Canyon Wren		1			1	1	1		1				5
Carolina Wren				1									1
Bewick's Wren									1				1
House Wren				1	2	8	11	6	2		1		31
Marsh Wren			1				1		1			1	4
American Dipper	2		1	1		1	1	1		1			8
Golden-crowned Kinglet							2				2		4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					1	4	2	4	4			16
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				1	3		1		1				6
Eastern Bluebird				1				1					2
Western Bluebird			1	2	2		3		1	1			10
Mountain Bluebird		1	2	4	3	2	8	2	1	4	1		28
Townsend's Solitaire		2			1	1	4		1	4	3	1	17
Veery					1		1						2
Swainson's Thrush					1	1	1		1	1			5
Hermit Thrush				1			3	1		1			6
American Robin	4	6	6	10	6	9	11	8	7	9	7	3	86
Gray Catbird					3	1	2						6
Northern Mockingbird					2		1	1	2				6
Sage Thrasher				1	1		1		1				4
Brown Thrasher					1		1	1	2				5
American Pipit	1	1		1			2				1		6
Cedar Waxwing						1	1	2	1	1	1		7
Northern Shrike	1		3								4	1	9
Loggerhead Shrike				2	2		4	2	2				12
European Starling	6	6	7	10	5	8	6	7	6	9	8	3	81
Bell's Vireo							1						1
Gray Vireo					1								1
Solitary Vireo					1	3	2						6
Warbling Vireo					2	4	5	1	1				13
Philadelphia Vireo										1			1
Red-eyed Vireo					2		1	1	1				5
Orange-crowned Warbler				2		1	1		2	3			9

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Nashville Warbler					1			1	1				3
Virginia's Warbler					1	2	3						6
Yellow Warbler					4	9	6	3	1				23
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1			4	3	2	4	3	3	7	2		29
Black-throated Gray Warbler					1								1
Townsend's Warbler								1	2	1			4
Palm Warbler										1			1
Blackpoll Warbler								1					1
Cerulean Warbler									1				1
American Redstart					1	1	3	1	1				7
Ovenbird								1					1
Northern Waterthrush									1				1
MacGillivray's Warbler					1	1	3	1					6
Common Yellowthroat					1	5	3	2	1	1			13
Wilson's Warbler					1	1	4	2	4	1			13
Yellow-breasted Chat					3	3	3						9
Western Tanager					1	6	4	1	5	1			18
Black-headed Grosbeak					2	5	6	3	1				17
Blue Grosbeak					1		3	1	1				6
Lazuli Bunting				1	1	2	3	5	1				13
Indigo Bunting					1	1	1						3
Green-tailed Towhee				1	1	3	4	1	1				11
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	1	1	3	4	5	5	2	5	2	1		30
Canyon Towhee									1				1
Cassin's Sparrow							1						1
Rufous-crowned Sparrow									1				1
American Tree Sparrow	4	2	3	1							8	3	21
Chipping Sparrow				3	3	1	6	5	3	1			22
Clay-colored Sparrow									1				1
Brewer's Sparrow					1		2		1				4
Field Sparrow							1						1
Vesper Sparrow				2	3	2	5	2	1				15
Lark Sparrow					3	3	3	5	3				17
Black-throated Sparrow					1								1
Sage Sparrow					1								1
Lark Bunting					1		3	1	1				6
Savannah Sparrow				1	1		4		2	1			9
Grasshopper Sparrow					1		2						3
Fox Sparrow						1	2						3
Song Sparrow	3	3	6	6	3	8	8	2	3	6	6	3	57
Lincoln's Sparrow					2	1	5	1	3				12
White-throated Sparrow	1				1						1		3
White-crowned Sparrow	1	1	2	4	1		4	1	4	7	4		29
Harris' Sparrow											1		1
Dark-eyed Junco	5	6	7	4	1	2	6	2		6	9	3	51
McCown's Longspur									1				1
Lapland Longspur											1		1
Red-winged Blackbird	4	4	6	10	6	9	10	5	5	8	7	3	77
Western Meadowlark	3	4	5	9	5	7	8	6	4	7	2	2	62
Yellow-headed Blackbird				6		4	4	2	1				17
Rusty Blackbird			1										1
Brewer's Blackbird		1		4	4	4	9	2	3	1			28
Great-tailed Grackle										1			1
Common Grackle			1	9	4	8	7	5	2	3	1		40
Brown-headed Cowbird				3	4	8	9	1	1				26
Orchard Oriole					1		1						2
Northern Oriole					4	8	6	1	2				21
Scott's Oriole					1								1
Rosy Finch							2						2
Pine Grosbeak							2						2
Cassin's Finch				2			3	3			1		9
House Finch	5	5	6	5	3	6	7	3	5	7	8	3	63
Red Crossbill							1						1
Pine Siskin		2	1	2		3	8	4	3	2	2		27
Lesser Goldfinch					2	4	3	3	2		1		15
American Goldfinch	3	2	2	4	3	8	5	5	4	5	4	2	47
Evening Grosbeak					1		1	2	2	2		1	9
House Sparrow	3	3	6	7	4	5	7	3	5	5	5	3	56
SPECIES PER MONTH	69	74	88	141	126	132	196	144	185	107	99	62	287

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APRIL DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED

If you would like to lead a field trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS

All field trip participants are urged to carpool whenever possible to help conserve energy and reduce air pollution. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled field trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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APRIL 1, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 7:00 AM at the east entrance (turn west off Kipling at 41st Avenue). Half day trip. Lunch optional.

APRIL 6-8, Friday evening through Sunday. YUMA COUNTY FOR GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKENS. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644) with Katie Kinney of the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Meet at **8:00 PM on Friday** at the Yuma County Court House in Wray (west entrance) for a program on Greater Prairie Chickens by Katie Kinney. Allow 4 hours for the drive to Wray. Make reservations at the Sandhills Motel (1-332-4134) for Friday night. **On Saturday meet at 4:30 AM** on south parking lot of the Court House. Eat breakfast in Wray after trip to lek. Bird en route to Bonny Reservoir. Make reservations for Saturday night at Prairie Vista Motel in Idalia (1-354-7237). **On Sunday** bird for a half day at Bonny Reservoir. Bring snacks and lunches for two days. Limit 20 persons and no more than 5 cars to the lek. Call Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) by April 2 to reserve a place on the trip and for assistance in carpooling.

APRIL 8, Sunday. BEAR CREEK. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM west of Burlington Coat Factory in Bear Valley Shopping Center (on So. Sheridan Blvd. north of U.S. 285). *

APRIL 14, Saturday. BARR LAKE. Leaders: Glenn & Jeane Hageman (322-6589). Meet at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History. *

APRIL 21, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2104). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History or at 8:00 AM at West Gate of Arsenal (72nd & Quebec. Limited to 8 birders. Reservations must be made. *

APRIL 22, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 7:00 AM at west entrance of SRA (east of Cherry Creek High School). *

APRIL 28, Saturday. LOWER LATHAM RESERVOIR AND GREELEY AREA LAKES. Leader: Dick Pratt (759-5568). Meet at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History. *

APRIL 29, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leaders: Joey & Brenda Kellner (985-0552). Meet at 7:00 AM at the Park & Ride on Wadsworth just south of U.S. 285 (Hampden). *

* Bring lunch.

Submitted by:
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

TUESDAY BIRDERS: You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

NOTE TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS
Please try to get your field trip reports to the Editor as soon as possible after your trip. It really helps alleviate the crush at press time.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 P.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on the Colorado Bird Report 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, **The Lark Bunting**, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

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_____ Regular Family Membership - $10 (if paid after Oct. 1, valid for next year)

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_____ Student Membership (Age 18 or younger) - $5

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Bird Report

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1990

PROGRAM: Hugh Kingery will talk on "Progress on the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas"

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MARCH 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

MARCH 3, Saturday (FCA)
Fort Collins area: Grandview Cemetery, Timnath Reservoir, Flatiron Site, Hamilton Reservoir. Leader: Dave Leatherman. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Jerry Cairo, Scott Fitzmorris, Mike Foster, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Alan & Dee Hay, Joe Himmel, Pearl Jordan, Joe & Norma Kamby, Hazel Kellogg, Jackie King, Donna Rieckmann, Bob Spencer, Allaire Wallace, Ty J. Wallace, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, calm to light; 45-60F). 84 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (54 species, 4197 individuals).

MARCH 4, Sunday (HDW)
Henry Lake to Deer Creek and Waterton Canyon. Leaders: Harold & Betty Oliver. Observers: Helen Bronson, Karen Bronson, David & Sarah Christian, Marilyn Clark, Linda Metcalf, Vickie Milam, Dale & Sheryl Peterson, Juliene Pimental, Chuck & Gail Romeo, Sandy Selzer. (Clear; Wind, S 0-8 MPH; 20-52F). 18 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (36 species, 632 individuals).

MARCH 10, Saturday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Virginia Bleck, John Bregar, Trish Ellin (Adelaide, Australia), Helen Hassemer, Jennifer Hayes, Irv Jackson, Jackie King, Judy & Bob Miller, Joe TenBrink, Chris Wood. (Sunny; calm; 38-58F). 2.5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (31 species, 449 individuals).

MARCH 11, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake. Leader: Norm Erthal. Observers: Bobbie DeMuth, Tom Schooley (Seattle). (Clear; Wind, W 10-15 MPH; 40-65F). 2 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (46 species, 1779 individuals.

MARCH 17, Saturday (CHA)
Chatfield SRA. Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Mike Foster, Bob Goycoolea, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Helen Hassemer, Alan Hay, Jean Hoover, Irv Jackson, Joe & Norma Kamby, Joey Kellner, Jack Reddall, Bob Sabine, Cheryl Scott, Don & Joe Shrode, Bob Spencer, Virgil Williams. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, N 0-10 MPH; 38-55F). 22 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (52 species, 984 individuals).

MARCH 18, Sunday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Sharon Polhamus, Don Schupp. (Snow showers; Windy; 28-36F). 6 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (30 species, 720 individuals).

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(Field Trip Summaries continued)

MARCH 24, Saturday (REY)
Reynolds Park, Buffalo, and Pine. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Rick and Janis Steenberg. (Overcast early, clearing by noon; Wind from SE 10 MPH early, calm by noon; 25-31F). 25 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (17 species, 153 individuals).

MARCH 25, Sunday (CRD)
Cherokee Ranch and Daniels Park. Leader: Ben Moore, Observers: Merlynn Brown, Pearl Jordan, Randy Lentz, Mort Staatz, Jean VanLoan. (Misty to clear; Wind, S 0-3 MPH; 25-50F). 48 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (32 species, 227 individuals.

MARCH 31, Saturday (SPR)
South Platte River Park and McLellan Reservoir. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Diana & Don Mullineaux, Ann Southcott, Carley Warren. (Mostly sunny; Wind, NW 0-5 MPH; 30-54F). 5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5.25 hours birding. (44 species, 841 individuals).

INDEPENDENT TRIP

MARCH 26, Monday (IND)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Winkler Ranch, Castle Rock, Sedalia, Louviers, Waterton, Chatfield SRA, McLellan Reservoir, Henry's Lake, Genesee Mountain Park, LaSalle, Lower Latham Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir. Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy with fog in places; Wind, SW 0-10 MPH; 24-52F). 279 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (75 species, 24786 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS

March 12-14. Conifer to Monte Vista NWR, Alamosa NWR, Home Lake, San Luis Lake, Lathrop S.P., and Denver. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers. (61 species, 26038 individuals).

March 20. Bear Creek Nature Trail. Leader: Else VanErp. 41 observers. (20 species, 127 individuals).

March 27. Chatfield Arboretum. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 34 observers. (27 species, 1480 individuals).

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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

During March 88 avian species were recorded on scheduled DFO field trips as compared to 79 in February. Seven additional species were recorded on one independent trip and eight more were seen by the Tuesday birders making 103 species that are shown on the table on pages 68-69. Under "Additional Reports" on page 70 there are 10 species not shown in the table and the Colorado Bird Report (page 70) had nine Colorado species not included in any of the above tallies. That makes a total of 122 species seen in the state during the month that are recorded in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

The 20 observers (including two young people) that Dave Leatherman led in the Fort Collins area (FCA) saw more species (54) than were seen on any scheduled trip in March. Among these were four species seen on no other trip. Perhaps the best of these were Surf Scoter and White-winged Scoter.

The 13 observers who accompanied the Olivers from Henry Lake to Waterton (HDW) on a calm and sunny Sunday saw an early Yellow-headed Blackbird and the only Rough-legged Hawk recorded on a March DFO trip.

Patty Echelmeyer led 11 observers (including a visitor from Australia) to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) on another balmy day. They saw the only Common Snipe recorded on a DFO trip and must have enjoyed viewing 2 Wood Ducks.

Only two people accompanied Norm Erthal on a 7-mile walk at Barr Lake (BAR). They recorded 31 species for their efforts and saw the only California Gulls seen on March DFO trips.

Your editor (with some help by Jack Reddall) led 17 others around the Chatfield area (CHA). They recorded an early Blue-winged Teal, but the highlight of the trip was the close and protracted observation of a large flock of Bohemian Waxwings.

Cold and snowy weather kept all but two people from accompanying Mort Staatz to Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). They managed to count 30 species in 4 hours of birding.

The lone couple who accompanied Bob Spencer to the Reynolds Park to Pine area (REY) saw only 17 species but among them was the only Golden-crowned Kinglet of the month. They saw 17 Townsend's Solitaires.

Five observers went with Ben Moore to the Cherokee Ranch and Daniels Park area (CRD). They had three species seen on no other DFO trip including a Chukar (an escapee?).

Ed Holub had only 4 followers on his stroll through South Platte River Park and drive to McLellan Reservoir (SPR). They recorded 13 species of ducks.

Jack Reddall recorded 75 species on his independent trip on the 26th. Not bad for March! Three of the species, including Western Grebe, were not reported on any trip or as "Additional Reports.

The Tuesday Birders did very well in March largely as a result of making a 3-day trip to the Monte Vista and Alamosa National Wildlife Refuges. There they saw 8 Whooping Cranes among 12,000 Sandhill Cranes.

Peterson's New Western Bird Guide

The editor has just received his hot-off-the-press copy of the new edition of Peterson's *A Field Guide to Western Birds*. Have had no time to really look it over but can say that at first impression the illustrations are terrific. The range maps are larger scale than in the National Geographic guide but are unfortunately at the back of the book as they are in his Eastern Guide. Because the book covers birds west of the 100th meridian it should cover all of the eastern plains of Colorado as well as the mountains.

ABBREVIATIONS used in following table: F=Foothills, H=Heard only, M=Mountains, N=on Nest; P=Plains, V=intermontane Valleys, a=adult, f=female, i=immature, m=male.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on March Field Trips

DATE	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	31	26	12-14	20	27
AREA COVERED	FCA	HDW	WGB	BAR	CHA	CCR	REY	CRD	SPR	IND	Tuesday Birders		
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	PF	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	PMV	P	P
Pied-billed Grebe	2												
Horned Grebe	30			1	2				4	18			
Eared Grebe						8			6				
Western Grebe										1			
Double-crested Cormorant					18	5			3	75			
Great Blue Heron	2	1			13	2			5	60			3
Canada Goose	3000	74	55	100	25	30		2	44	60	2782	10	11
Wood Duck	1m		2m						20				
Green-winged Teal	32		14	90	140	97			36	500	270		
Mallard	300	18	90	150	75	60	4	4	95	4500	2690	31	14
Northern Pintail	150			80	30	9			2	3000	3850		
Blue-winged Teal					1m					3	2		
Cinnamon Teal				2	3m	1				35	211		
Northern Shoveler	30		1	50		3		1	40	80	685	1	
Gadwall	5	15	22	30	11	8			68	600	192		1
EURASIAN WIGEON										1m			
American Wigeon	25	14	10	65	5	9			60	800	55		
Canvasback	3			5						2	5		
Redhead	200	157	75	180	32				72	3000	1757		4
Ring-necked Duck		25	2		2m1f				4	500	7		
Lesser Scaup	25		10	40	6				3	6000	30		
Surf Scoter	1												
White-winged Scoter	2												
Common Goldeneye	10	73	14	8	33				26	50	10		
Bufflehead	20	8		4						60	21		
Hooded Merganser			1f						4	1m			
Common Merganser	60	17	2	2	27	1			65	100	9		
Red-breasted Merganser										1m			
Ruddy Duck	20				1						20		
Bald Eagle	1a2i			1a	1a						43		
Northern Harrier	2	1		3		1				1m3f	12		
Sharp-shinned Hawk					2				1				
Cooper's Hawk											1		
Red-tailed Hawk				1		1		3			11	2	5
western races		12			9a1i				6	21			
"Harlan's" race					1								
Ferruginous Hawk	1a	1								2	2		
Rough-legged Hawk		3								6	4		
Buteo species						2							
Golden Eagle	1				1		2	1			2		1
American Kestrel		2	1	1	1m1f			1	2	28	3	1	3
Peregrine Falcon											2		
Prairie Falcon					1					1	1		
Chukar								1					
Ring-necked Pheasant				1m		1			1	7m	6		
American Coot	30	22	6	3	1				70	100	65		2
Sandhill Crane											12001		
Whooping Crane											8		
Killdeer				1	3	7			4	1	14		4
Greater Yellowlegs										1			
Common Snipe			6							1	1		
Ring-billed Gull	4	3	6	85	10	30			10	1500	45		1
California Gull				4						10			
Herring Gull				2	1i				1	110			
Rock Dove	15	12	21	2	2			3	50	100	42	9	7
Mourning Dove	1							1			2		
Eastern Screech-Owl													
"Gray" phase	1		1										
Great-horned Owl	2	1		3N	3					1N	3		2
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	1		4		1		8	1		3	

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AREA COVERED	FCA	HDW	WGB	BAR	CHA	CCR	REY	CRD	SPR	IND	Tuesday Birders		
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	PF	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	PMV	P	P
Downy Woodpecker			1	13	1	1			2		1	3	1
eastern races		1			1f								
Hairy Woodpecker	1m			3									
eastern races					1f								
Northern Flicker			13	11		18		4					
"Red-shafted" race	8	4			6				10	13	6	10	2
Horned Lark	7			1	1	3				20	64		
Tree Swallow									7	20			
Steller's Jay							8	12		3	10		
Blue Jay	5				1			1	1	1			1
Scrub Jay		10			1			20		2	2		
Pinyon Jay											2		
Clark's Nutcracker											1		
Black-billed Magpie	20	19	12	55	23	25	3	30	28	55	67	11	12
American Crow	25	16			6		45	9	2	40	25		13
Common Raven		6			1		6	3	1	6	52		
Black-capped Chickadee	10	8	4	32	15	3	2	10	7	8	6	4	22
Mountain Chickadee	15	3					9	2		2	2		
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4												
White-breasted Nuthatch								1		4			
Pygmy Nuthatch										5			
Brown Creeper	6		1	1	2			1					
Canyon Wren										2H			
American Dipper					2		4			2			
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1						
Western Bluebird							1m1f	2		7			
Mountain Bluebird					100	30		15		170	22		1
Townsend's Solitaire		1					17	1		4			
American Robin	15			12	5	8	3	27	26	120	190	9	145
Bohemian Waxwing					100								
Northern Shrike	1			1	1					1a			
Loggerhead Shrike											1		1
European Starling	45	7	32	180	140	200	31	4	7	350	63	18	445
Yellow-rumped Warbler												1	
Rufous-sided Towhee								2					
"Spotted" races										2			
American Tree Sparrow	2		5	23	5	12					6		
Song Sparrow	3		12	32	6	3	1		3	4	2	1	
White-crowned Sparrow			3	25					1				
"Gambel's" race										1a			
Dark-eyed Junco				46				12			28		6
"Slate-colored" race	4			4		2	2	1	3	5			
"Oregon" race	2	21		20	11	1	1	1	3	35			
"Pink-sided" form	4						8						
"Gray-headed" race							3	1		5			
Red-winged Blackbird	15	34	16	275	100	150		4	20	2500	542	2	750
Western Meadowlark	1			24	8	2		1	2	80	7	4	21
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1								1m			
Brewer's Blackbird											14		
Common Grackle										5			
Cassin's Finch	1									1m			
House Finch	10			3				1		35	19	3	2
Pine Siskin	30	36						20		5			
American Goldfinch		4		30						1		2	
Evening Grosbeak	5							25		4			
House Sparrow	10	1	10	75					21	20	42	2	
TOTAL SPECIES	54	36	31	46	52	30	17	32	44	75	61	20	27
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	4197	632	449	1779	984	738	153	227	872	24786	26038	147	1507

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ADDITIONAL MARCH 1990 REPORTS

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Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips.
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, & 1989) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location. Please refer to the supplement of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 24, Number 11 (August 1989), for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

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Eurasian Wigeon 3-21 (1m) Tower Road near 104th Ave., Adams Co. (DB)F; 3-26 (JR)F
Red-breasted Merganser 3-12 (4m) Prospect Park Pond, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co. (RS)N
Merlin 3-4 (1) East of Prospect Valley, Weld Co. (JB)N
Greater Yellowlegs 3-18 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. (JB)N
Thayer's Gull 3-30 (1i) Tower Road near 104th Ave., Adams Co. (JR)N
Long-eared Owl (1H) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (DB)N
Red-bellied Woodpecker 3-4 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (JB)N; 3-10 (4) South Republican River west of US 385, Yuma Co. (DB)N
Horned Lark 3-8 (7) Crown Hill Park, Wheat Ridge (PE)N
Bewick's Wren 3-18 Rocky Ford SWA (JB)N
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3-6 thru 3-31 (1) 6361 Brooks Dr., Arvada, Jefferson Co. (AH)N
Eastern Bluebird 3-10 (12) South Republican River west of US 285, Yuma Co. (DB)N
Western Bluebird 3-14 (8) Bear Creek, Baca Co. (DB)N
Brown Thrasher 3-4 (1) Muir Springs (JB)N
Cedar Waxwing 3-4 (30) Ralston Creek Trail near 68th Ave., Arvada (AH)N
Rufous-crowned Sparrow (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (DB)N
Yellow-headed Blackbird (12) Bromley Lane east of Picadilly Rd., Adams Co. (RS)N
American Goldfinch (62) Feeders at 2025 S. Monroe, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ)N

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Abbreviations used above: F=rare-bird Form submitted, H=Heard only, N=No details, i=immature, m=male.

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MARCH RECORD OF THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT (423-5582)

David Martin reports that 117 reports and 27 updates of 18 species (17 in Colorado and one in Kansas) were phoned in to the Colorado Bird Report in March. Of the 17 species reported in Colorado, 9 are not reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. Those species are: Snow Goose, Ross' Goose, American Black Duck, Short-eared Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Three-toed Woodpecker, Swamp Sparrow, Great-tailed Grackle, and Common Redpoll. 2797 calls were made to the Bird Report for information.

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1990-1991 SLATE OF OFFICERS - DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

The nominating committee of Warren Finch, Duane Nelson, and Mort Staatz has proposed the following slate of officers to serve in 1990-1991.

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Ed Holub, Joe TenBrink (1992)
Glenn Hageman, David Martin (1993)

This slate of officers will be voted upon at the next monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 1990.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former Member Killed
Those who remember young Timothy Gates will be saddened to learn of his tragic death in an auto accident near Socorro, New Mexico (where he was a student) at age 36. He was an avid birder for more than 25 years.

Colorado Native Plant Society Field Trips
The Colorado Native Plant Society has scheduled field trips to Escalante Canyon near Delta and to Rio Blanco County in May. The Escalante Canyon trip will be on Saturday, May 19. For more information on this trip and for reservations call Peggy Lyon at (303)626-5526. The Rio Blanco County trip will be over Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-28. For more information on this trip and to register call Jeff Dawson at (303)722-6758.

In June the Society will have trips to the Southeastern Colorado Canyonlands on the 9th and to the Poudre and Laramie River Meadows and Fens on the 30th. To register for the SE Colorado trip call Rich Rhoades at 719-545-4352 (home). Call Dieter Wilken at 303-482-2283 (nights) to sign up for the Poudre-Laramie Rivers trip.

CFO Convention May 19&20
The Colorado Field Ornithologists convention will be held in Pueblo on May 19-20. Call Dave Martin (422-9143) for details.

CFO Grand Junction Trip
The Colorado Field Ornithologists will conduct a field trip in the Grand Junction area on May 26-27. Call Coen Dexter (303-434-6137) for information.

ABA Convention
The American Birding Association will hold its Annual Convention in Fort Collins this year June 18-24. There will be field trips, workshops, and a variety of programs.

Tuesday Birders
You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

It is not too late to sign up to work a block this summer for the Colorado Bird Atlas Project. For information call Hugh Kingery at 333-0161. Those who work on the project contribute to the knowledge of Colorado Birds and have fun doing it.

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MAY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

MAY 5, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK AND PERRY PARK. Leader: Doris Cruze (798-8072). Meet at 7:15 AM in parking lot south of Albertson's on northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road, or meet leader at 8:00 AM at main gate of Roxborough State Park. Lunch at Roxborough and afternoon at Perry Park. *

MAY 6, Sunday. RIGLI RANCH. Leader: Joe Rigli. Meet at 7:00 AM at north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History or at 7:45 AM at Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson. Expect migrating warblers and prairie birds. Contact Ruth Breckon (455-0970) if going. *

MAY 12&13, Saturday & Sunday. ANNUAL SPRING COUNT. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Compiler: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Leaders should submit reports to Kathy no later than Monday, May 21.

MAY 12, Saturday.
WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:00 AM at the Park & Ride at US 285 (Hampden Ave.) & So. Wadsworth or at the Waterton Bridge at 6:15 AM.

CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Joey Kellner (781-8804). Meet at 6:30 AM at the Deer Creek (west) entrance of the park (off Colo. Hwy. 75).

LOWER BEAR CREEK. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 6:30 AM at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section west of Burlington Coat Factory) at So. Sheridan north of US 285 (Hampden Ave.)

MAY 13, Sunday.
BARR LAKE PERIPHERY. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032). Meet at 6:30 AM at Picadilly Road & Bromley Lane.

BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet at 6:30 AM at entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is an all-day 10-mile hike around the lake.

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at north entrance to Castlewood Canyon State Park at 7:00 AM. Up and down hiking all day (about 8 miles).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Urling Kingery (333-0161). Register with leader (number of observers limited).

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:00 AM at the west gate of the SRA near Cherry Creek High School.

MAY 19, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Irv Jackson (233-2171). Meet at 7:00 AM at Prospect Park on West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. One-half day trip. Lunch optional.

MAY 19&20, Saturday & Sunday. BONNY RESERVOIR. Leader: Bob Righter (629-8529). On Saturday morning meet leader at 8:00 AM at Forest Grove Campground. Trip ends Sunday afternoon. If arriving on Friday meet at 5:00 PM at Forest Grove Campground for birding and picnic dinner. Dress for all kinds of weather. Camp at Bonny or stay in motel in Burlington or Idalia (phone 1-354-7237 for Prairie Vista Motel in Idalia). Contact leader if going.

MAY 26, Saturday. HIGHLINE CANAL AND DANIELS PARK. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet leader at 7:30 AM south of Albertson's at northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. *

MAY 28, Monday. WILLOW SPRINGS RANCH. Leader: Rhonda Woodward (697-9032). Meet at 7:00 AM west of Burlington Coat Factory in southwest part of Bear Valley Shopping Center on South Sheridan north of Hampden. One-half day. Lunch optional.

* Bring lunch.

Submitted by:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: *The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.*

REGULAR MEETINGS: *The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 P.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on the Colorado Bird Report 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.*

FIELD TRIPS: *These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.*

BULLETIN: *A monthly bulletin,* ***The Lark Bunting,*** *is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in checklist order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.*

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303)423-5582

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ *Regular Family Membership - $10 (if paid after Oct. 1, valid for next year)*

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THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM

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APRIL 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

APRIL 1, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Warren I. Finch. Observers: Norma & Joe Kamby, Mort Staatz, Virgil Williams. (Cloudy to sunny; Wind, N 0-15 MPH; 35-50F). 3 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 4.5 hours birding. (26 species, 606 individuals).

APRIL 7&8, Saturday & Sunday (YUM)
Yuma County: Wray area to Bonny Reservoir. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Marge Abbott, Shirley Blackburn, Bob & Johnnie Dickson, Jean & Jim Fredlund, Kathleen Gibson, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Josephine Marner, Wayne McPherson, Marcile Riber, Marilyn & Lee Rowe, Dave Silverman, Bob Spencer, Linda Vioal, Sylvia Wheelock, Christopher & Russ Wood, Amy Young. (Clear on Saturday with light breeze; 25-65F. Overcast on Sunday with NE wind 2-10 MPH; 27-55 F). 334 miles by car, 8 miles on foot. 25 hours birding. (78 species, 1941 individuals).

APRIL 8, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek: Plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Johnny Davis, Joe & Norma Kamby, Tim Maguire, Kathy Pareja, Claudia Parish, Hugh Ravatt, Virgil Williams. (Partly sunny; Wind, light; 45-60F). 30 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (42 species, 245 individuals).

APRIL 14, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake and vicinity. Leaders: Glenn & Jeane Hageman. Observers: Dick & Peg Bolz, Ruth Breckon, Johnny Davis, Tom & Ginny Faxon, Mike Foster, Phil Hayes, Bruce Helmboldt, Irv Jackson, Joe & Norma Kamby, Marie & Norman Kautsky, Hazel Kellogg, Betty Klap, Monna Krebs, Karen McClure, Ann Oberg, Sally Plummer, David Rhoades, Donna Sanford, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Nocole Stone, Joe TenBrink, Vito Tursi, Amy Young, Martha Zoetewey. (Mostly sunny; Wind, S 0-10 MPH; 40-65F). 25 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 6.75 hours birding. (47 species, 1722 individuals).

APRIL 21, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leaders: Ed Holub & Donna Rieckmann. Observers: Jackie King, Harold & Clara Knott, Ann Oberg, Jack Reddall, Lee & Marilyn Rowe. (Sunny AM turning mostly cloudy in PM; Wind, calm; 50-75F). 30 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. 6.25 hours birding. (60 species, 918 individuals).

APRIL 29, Sunday (PCC)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Johnny Davis, Bob & Juv Fleming, Jeff & Peggy Gonder, Diana & Don Mullineaux, Dick Pratt, Joanna Shaw, Virgil Williams. (Mostly sunny; Wind, NW 0-10 MPH; 45-65F). 5 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (46 species, 550 individuals).

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APRIL 28, Saturday (GLY)
Greeley area lakes (Lower Latham, Windsor, etc.). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Terry Flageolle, Louise Hester, Hazel Kellogg, JoAnne Kyhl, Donna Rieckmann, Vito Tursi, Amy Young. (Sunny to partly cloudy; Wind, W 20 MPH; 40-70F). 200 miles by car, 0 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (61 species, 1741 individuals).

APRIL 29, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield SRA. Leaders: Brenda & Joey Kellner. Observers: Barbara & Jim Fay, Warren Finch, Randy Lentz, Norm Lewis, Jack Reddall, Anne Southcott, Virgil Williams, Chris Wood. (30 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (83 species, 3755 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

April 3, Chatfield SRA. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers. (28 species, 497 individuals).
April 10, Cancelled - inclement weather.
April 17, Postponed - inclement weather.
April 24, Barr Lake State Park, Prospect Reservoir and seep. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 36 observers. (56 species, 902 individuals).

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

During April 131 avian species were reported on DFO field trips. The Tuesday Birders reported 3 species not seen on DFO trips. Under "Additional Reports" on page 78 there are 25 species not seen on any trip and the Colorado Bird Report shown on page 79 shows 20 species not included on trips or "Additional Reports" making a total of 179 species that were reported in Colorado in April that are shown in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

The five observers who visited the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) on a cool April Fool's day reported nothing unusual among the 26 species seen but did see 2 nesting Rock Doves including 1 nestling.

The trip to Yuma and Bonny Reservoir (YUM) was highly successful in that the 22 participants saw 30 Greater Prairie

Chickens on the lek. They saw 11 other species seen on no other trip including Snow Goose, Merlin, Wild Turkey, Sandhill Crane, and Red-bellied Woodpecker.

Ten spotters went on the Bear Creek (BCK) trip and saw the only Steller's Jay and American Dipper of the month.

The highlight of the trip for the large contingent that went to Barr Lake (BAR) was the observation of the touted Bald Eagle nest with young aboard. All also enjoyed good views of American White Pelicans.

The van load of observers at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) reported 6 species seen on no other trip including a Long-eared Owl and Brewer's Sparrow.

The visitors to Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR) saw the only Virginia Rails (5) of the month and also enjoyed viewing American White Pelicans, White-faced Ibis, Bobwhite, and Burrowing Owls (7).

Those who endured the wind on the trip to Greeley area lakes (GLY) had five species reported on no other trip including American Bittern, Sora, Semipalmated Sandpiper, and White-rumped Sandpiper.

More species (83) were seen on the Chatfield trip (CHA) than on any other including 14 species seen on no other trip. These included Bonaparte's Gull, American Pipit, Black-and-white Warbler, and Northern Oriole. About 2000 individuals of six species of swallow were seen.

The three species reported by the Tuesday birders that were not seen on DFO trips were EURASIAN WIGEON, Baird's Sandpiper, and Wilson's Phalarope. The wigeon was probably the same one reported in March under "Additional Reports".

The most spectacular bird reported under "Additional Reports" in April was the GARGANEY reported by John Bregar at Jackson Reservoir on April 22. This is a first state record. The bird was seen subsequently by many other observers. A Whimbrel in Arapahoe County and Vermilion Flycatcher at two localities were other unusual "Additional Reports".

ABBREVIATIONS used in following table: F=Foothills, H=Heard only, N=Nesting, P=Plains, a=adult, f=female, i=immature, m=male, n=nestling

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on April Field Trips

DATE	1	7&8	8	14	21	22	28	29	3	24
AREA COVERED	WGB	YUM	BCK	BAR	RMA	CCR	GLY	CHA	Tuesday Birders	
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	PF	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pied-billed Grebe		2		1	8					
Horned Grebe			20		3		4	1		1
Eared Grebe		1						1		
Western Grebe		1		9	1	45	12	55	12	
American White Pelican		24		8		32	27			14
Double-crested Cormorant		20	6	157		30	21	200	97	50
American Bittern							1			
Great Blue Heron	1	4	1	5	6	13	6	60	157	4
Black-crowned Night-Heron			2		2		2			
White-faced Ibis						5		15		
Snow Goose										
"White" morph		15								
Canada Goose	50	3	8	14	100	16	103	12	17	2
Wood Duck		8						2m1f		
Green-winged Teal	25	21		6	18	33	20	6		12
Mallard	80	11	20	18	41	32	60	40	10	21
Northern Pintail		3		18	6		26	4m		32
Blue-winged Teal		25		31	11	16	20	8		10
Cinnamon Teal		1		2		10	18	6	4	15
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.							12			
Northern Shoveler	3	18	1	937	2	4	68	1m		2
Gadwall	20	17	12	28	40	2	126	16	5	4
EURASIAN WIGEON										1
American Wigeon	15	50		4	1		50			6

APRIL	1	7&8	8	14	21	22	28	29	3	24
AREA COVERED	WGB	YUM	BCK	BAR	RMA	CCR	GLY	CHA	Tuesday	Birders
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	PF	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Canvasback		1								
Redhead		2		5	20		60			
Ring-necked Duck	12	1			27			6		
Lesser Scaup	20	8	12	8	37		135	12	14	2
Common Goldeneye	20		6					3f	9	
Bufflehead		14	6	6			44	2m3f	2	2
Common Merganser	1	17	6				1	1m3f	12	
Ruddy Duck				67	14		1			20
Turkey Vulture		11	1				1	6		
Osprey		1				2	1	1		
Bald Eagle				2a1n						2
Northern Harrier		14		1	8	1m1f	1	1f		5
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1			3		
Cooper's Hawk					1			2		
Swainson's Hawk		5a1i		3	10	1	5	1		45
Red-tailed Hawk		8					1		1	2
western races			1		13	2		2		
Ferruginous Hawk					1	1				
Rough-legged Hawk		6								
Golden Eagle		1i								1
American Kestrel		19	4	1	20	1m	10	11	2	5
Merlin		2								
Prairie Falcon		4								
Chukar		1								
Ring-necked Pheasant		4m4f		1H	4	5H	3	2		1
Greater Prairie Chicken		21m9f								
Wild Turkey		25								
Northern Bobwhite		5			2					
Virginia Rail						3			1H	
Sora							2H			
American Coot	20	12	2	42	85	20	8	10	8	4
Sandhill Crane		18								
Semipalmated Plover							5	2		
Killdeer		7	4	5	8	2	20	7	2	8
American Avocet					2		25			6
Greater Yellowlegs		2			1					
Lesser Yellowlegs							5			3
Willet							12	18		1
Spotted Sandpiper								1		
Marbled Godwit							11	5		1
Semipalmated Sandpiper							10			
Least Sandpiper							3	13		
White-rumped Sandpiper							8			
Baird's Sandpiper										22
Long-billed Dowitcher							2	3		2
Common Snipe	2		4			1		3		1
Wilson's Phalarope										2
Franklin's Gull						1	25	5		3
Bonaparte's Gull								20		
Ring-billed Gull	25	10	1	10		15	50	4	5	40
California Gull				4		10	11	16		12
Rock Dove	10N	14	6	8	1	7	2	12		35
Mourning Dove		45		2	46	5	27	25		22
Great-horned Owl		3	2	2N	3	3a1i	2	4N	2N	
Burrowing Owl		3			7		1	2		
Long-eared Owl					1					
Belted Kingfisher		2	5	2				6		
Red-bellied Woodpecker		2								
Downy Woodpecker		5		2						
"Batchelder's" race					1					
eastern races	5	2	4		2			6		

APRIL AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	1 WGB P	7&8 YUM P	8 BCK PF	14 BAR P	21 RMA P	22 CCR P	28 GLY P	29 CHA P	3 Tuesday P	24 Birders P
Hairy Woodpecker		1	1							
eastern races		1								
Northern Flicker		21								
"Red-shafted" race	30	19	9	5	7	2		7	4	
"Yellow-shafted" race		3								
Say's Phoebe								1		1
Horned Lark		133			1		30	12		20
Tree Swallow						7		1000	3	
Violet-green Swallow								300		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow								13		
Bank Swallow								3		
Cliff Swallow								2		
Barn Swallow						2	42	600		17
Swallow species				2						
Steller's Jay			2							
Blue Jay		7			1					
Black-billed Magpie	50	10	9	6	50	13	18	30	22	30
American Crow		1				2	1	3		3
Common Raven		1	1					1	1	
Black-capped Chickadee	20	19	5	6	15	1		18	4	4
Mountain Chickadee			3		1					
Red-breasted Nuthatch					2					
Brown Creeper					2					
House Wren						1		9		
Marsh Wren		2					3			
American Dipper			1							
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1					
Eastern Bluebird		2								
Mountain Bluebird								9		
Townsend's Solitaire	1	3	1							
American Robin	15	105	6	38	34	22	3	82	16	10
American Pipit								200		
Cedar Waxwing		71			3					
Loggerhead Shrike		1					2			1
European Starling	75	200	30	31	80	20	58	75	32	25
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Myrtle" race								41		
"Audubon's" race			2		2	1		74		
Black-and-white Warbler								1f		
Rufous-sided Towhee										
"Spotted" races								4		
Chipping Sparrow		3			2			2		
Brewer's Sparrow					1					
Vesper Sparrow		5						1		
Lark Sparrow								1		
Savannah Sparrow								1		
Song Sparrow	10	5	9	2	1	8		9	5	1
White-crowned Sparrow		32		13	1					1
"Gambel's" race								11		
Dark-eyed Junco		9								
"Slate-colored" race		7								
"Oregon" race		2	1	1						
"Pink-sided" form	5									
"Gray-headed" race	1									
Red-winged Blackbird	75	289	14	152	25	95	254	95	23	235
Western Meadowlark		325	4	11	43	28	57	35	27	65
Yellow-headed Blackbird		2		12	2	9	150	8		3
Brewer's Blackbird		1				2		230		
Common Grackle		65	3	19	15	16	39	53		23
Brown-headed Cowbird						1f	4	170		

APRIL	1	7&8	8	14	21	22	28	29	3	24
AREA COVERED	WGB	YUM	BCK	BAR	RMA	CCR	GLY	CHA	Tuesday Birders	
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	PF	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Northern Oriole										
"Bullock's" race								1im		
House Finch		9	6		35			4		7
Pine Siskin					15					
American Goldfinch				5						
House Sparrow	15	53	4	9	25		12			35
TOTAL SPECIES	26	78	42	47	60	46	61	83	28	56
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	606	1941	269	1722	981	550	1741	3755	497	974

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1990 REPORTS

American Bittern 4-22 (1) I-76 at Barr Lake, Adams Co. (JB)N

Snowy Egret 4-23 (2) South Platte River at Orchard, Morgan Co. (PH)N; 4-29 (1) Ordway, Crowley Co. (JB)N

GARGANEY 4-22 (1m) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JB)D (First State Record)

Red-breasted Merganser 4-1 (1m) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (TF,DS)N

Osprey 4-15 (2) Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (TF,DS)N; 4-21 (1) Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (AS)N

Peregrine Falcon 4-24 (1a) Jackson Reservoir (JR)N; 4-24 (1a) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N

Lesser Prairie Chicken 4-15 (8m2f) On lek east of Campo, Baca Co. (JB)N

Wild Turkey 4-15 (5) Bonny Res. SWA (TF,DS)N; 4-16 (1a) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (SL,JR)N; 4-29 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. (JB)N

Scaled Quail 4-29 (2) Highway 96 one mile east of Highway 167, Crowley Co. (JB)N

Sandhill Crane 4-1 (100, flying) Daniels Park, Douglas Co. (AS)N

Snowy Plover 4-29 (2) Cheraw, Otero Co. (DB)N

Whimbrel 4-24 (1) Centennial Airport, Arapahoe Co. (RB)N

Long-billed Curlew 4-15 (1) Between Campo and Springfield, Baca Co. (JB)N

Thayer's Gull 4-2 (1, 1st winter) Intermittent pond by Tower Road south of E. 104th Ave., Adams Co. (JR)N

Forster's Tern 4-16 (1) South Platte River, Julesburg, Sedgwick Co. (SL,JR)N

Greater Roadrunner 4-15 (2) Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (JB)N

Eastern Screech-Owl 4-1 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (JB)N; 4-15 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA (TF,DS)N

Eastern Phoebe 4-15 (2) Below Two Buttes Dam (JB)N

Vermilion Flycatcher 4-4 (1f) Chatfield SRA (VW)N,(PH)F; 4-28 (1f) Bear Creek one mile east of Road 52, Baca Co. (DB)F

Scrub Jay 4-23 (4) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR)N

Brown Thrasher 4-15 (1) Below Two Buttes Dam (JB)N; 4-29 (1) Rocky Ford SWA (JB)N

Northern Shrike 4-11 (1s) Bromley Lane south of Horsecreek Reservoir, Adams Co. (KH,JR)N

Palm Warbler 4-22 (1) Bravo SWA, Morgan Co. (JT)F,(JM)N

Field Sparrow 4-28 (1) Bear Creek one mile east of Baca Co. Road 52 (DB)N

Fox Sparrow 4-21 (1) One mile south of Bravo SWA (JT,JM)N

White-throated Sparrow 4-16 (1a) Muir Springs (SL,JR)N

McCown's Longspur 4-16 (450+) Eastern Sedgwick Co. (SL,JR)N

Lapland Longspur 4-1 (4) Northwest of Jackson Reservoir (JB)N

Chestnut-collared Longspur 4-9 (200+) Three miles southwest of Cope, Washington Co. (JR,PH)N; 4-16 (300+) Eastern Sedgwick Co. (SL,JR)N

Abbreviations used above: D=Details available, F=rare-bird Form submitted, N=No details, a=adult, f=female, m=male, s=subadult

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APRIL RECORD OF THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT (423-5582)

David Martin informs that 166 reports and 31 updates of 31 species were phoned in to the Colorado Bird Report in April. Twenty of the species reported are not reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. Those species are: Pacific Loon, Little Blue Heron, Glossy Ibis, American Black Duck, Greater Scaup, Barrow's Goldeneye, Broad-winged Hawk, Dunlin, Common Black-headed Gull, Caspian Tern, Common Tern, Short-eared Owl, Carolina Wren, Varied Thrush, Northern Parula, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Great-tailed Grackle, and Common Redpoll. 3276 calls (a record 109 per day) were made to the Bird Report.

BIRDING ETIQUETTE
(by Phil Hayes)

Birders in general have good reputations as ones who respect the environment and the rights of others, but certain rules of birding behavior bear repeating from time to time. Three things should always be considered when chasing that potential lifer or year bird: the environment, property rights, and other birders.

Respect for the environment

Most birders are good about not strewing personal debris about and even in picking up the trash of others on occasion, but not all are considerate about not trampling on vegetation and breaking branches, etc. in order to get into areas in which they hope to find a great bird. There have been some sad cases in which swarms of birders have virtually destroyed the habitat of the very bird they were seeking.

Respect for private property

In my opinion one should never cross private property (except commercial property during business hours) without getting permission from the owner. Most landowners are happy to grant permission. Birders who enter private property without permission hurt the reputation of the entire birding community. Some public property like off-limits areas of wildlife refuges should also be respected. Usually these areas are off limits to protect breeding wildlife, particularly waterfowl.

Respect for other birders

Most of us don't need reminders in this regard. If we see one or more birders gazing into a tree with binoculars or peering into a reservoir with a scope we are nearly always considerate enough to approach cautiously. Most often, if we do disturb another birder or the bird he is trying to look at, the disturbance is inadvertent.

I would personally rather leave a potential lifer unticked than to violate a rule of birding etiquette. After all, my getting a new lifer is of no importance to anyone but me, and is actually of no real value to me.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to New Members

Mark Letzer - 24 Warren Manor Court, Cockeysville, MD 20130

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Australian Nature Trip

Bill Turner, Curator of Education at the Denver Zoo, is organizing a nature trip to Australia this fall from October 20 to November 10. Places visited will include the Atherton Tablelands, the tropical rain forest of Cape Tribulation National Park, the Great Barrier Reef, Lamington National Park (one of the best birding spots in Australia), Kangaroo Island (walk among a colony of sea lions), Little Desert National Park (home of Mallee Fowl), and Phillip Island (for Fairy Penguins). The trip price of $4627 includes round-trip airfare from Denver, most meals, and local guides at each destination. Three spots remain in the group. For further information call Bill at home at 781-8550.

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Colorado Bird Observatory Announcements
The Colorado Bird Observatory has a new office in a mobile home by the Barr Lake State Park office and needs volunteer help in the office. They also need volunteer field workers for surveys on nesting Least Terns and Piping Plovers. Mileage and lodging expenses will be paid by the CBO. If you would like to help call Mike Carter at 659-4348.

JUNE DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS
All field trip participants are urged to carpool whenever possible to help conserve energy and reduce air pollution. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled field trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS
Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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JUNE 2, Saturday. PAWNEE GRASSLANDS. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. *

JUNE 3, Sunday. NORTHEAST COLORADO. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. *

JUNE 6, Wednesday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:30 AM at the west gate of the SRA east of Cherry Creek High School. *

JUNE 9, Saturday. APEX TRAIL. Leader: Dick Schottler (278-8035). Meet at 6:00 AM at Apex Open Space parking lot off of Colo. Hwy. 93 just north of U.S. 40. Uphill hike - bring water to carry. Half-day trip. Lunch optional.

JUNE 10, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Meet at 7:30 AM at Nature Center at state park. Half-day trip.

JUNE 16, Saturday. COLORADO SPRINGS (HANNA RANCH and HANOVER ROAD). Leader: Gary Conover. Coordinator: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Carpool at 6:30 AM at rear parking lot of Howard Johnson's at 6300 East Hampden (just east of I-25). *

JUNE 17, Sunday. LONGMONT AND LYONS AREAS. Leader: Bill Prather (1-776-2191). Coordinator: Virginia Bleck (320-6130). Carpool at 6:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. Meet leader at 7:30 AM at Jim Hamm Nature Center south of Colo. Hwy. 66 on Boulder-Weld County-Line Road (west of Union Reservoir). *

JUNE 23, Saturday. RIVERSIDE CEMETERY, PLATTE RIVER, CLEAR CREEK GREENBELT, TWIN LAKES PARK, PLUS. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. *

JUNE 24, Sunday. LOWER BEAR CREEK. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM east of Pancake House in southwest part of Bear Valley Shopping Center (on South Sheridan north of Hampden). *

JUNE 27, Wednesday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (237-5794). Meet at 7:30 AM at Prospect Park Lake (W. 44th Ave. near Robb St.). *

JUNE 30, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 6:30 AM south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street - not the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church parking lot. Meet leader at Park Headquarters at 8:15 AM. *

* Bring lunch.

Submitted by:
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

Tuesday Birders
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MAY 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

MAY 5, Saturday (ROX)
Roxborough State Park & Perry Park. Leader: Doris Cruze. Observers: Ruth Barsch, Ursula Barsch, Anne Cassidy, Scott Fitzmorris, Pearl Jordan, Hazel Kellogg, Audrey Molloy, Debbie Nagle, Betty & Harold Oliver, Joan Oden, Donna Rieckmann, Stan Schleifer, Joy Schmidt, Jack Skalicky, Elna Smith, Anne Southcott, Vito Tursi, Allaire Wallace, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, light; 40-65F). 60 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (48 species, 192 individuals).

MAY 6, Sunday (RIG)
Hudson to Rigli Ranch. Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Randy Anderson, Ferd & Jo Dircky, Joey Kellner, Bill & Diane Perry, Jack & Dorothy Reddall, Mart & Carolyn Rust, Tim Schowalter, Todd Soderberg, Bob Spencer, Joe TenBrink, Vito Tursi, Becky Vacetich, Kirby Welner. (Sunny; Wind, NW 0-5 MPH; 60-80F). 71 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9.75 hours birding. (57 species, 643 individuals).

MAY 18-20 Friday to Sunday (BON)
Bonny State Park & vicinity. Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Jerry Cairo, Kathy Carpenter, Michael Gibson, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Kathy Hawkins, Jean Morgan, Randy Pullen. (Wind, N&E 0-80 MPH; 40-80F). 60 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 18? hours birding. (111 species, 2295 individuals).

MAY 19, Saturday (WR)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Irv Jackson. Observers: Marge Armitage, Paul Barrett, Ursula Barsch, Ruth Breckon, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Bill Brockner, John Davis, Warren Finch, Jim Fischer, Terry Flageolle, David Gulbenkian, Mary Hamm, Helen Hassemer, Alan Hay, Ed Holub, Pearl Jordan, Hazel Kellogg, Jackie King, Paul Lotz, Audrey Molloy, Dave Rhoades, Dick Schottler, Don & Jo Shrode, Donna Sole, Anne Southcott, Joyce Treffinger, Ruth Wheeler, Eleanor White, Virgil Williams, Amy Young. (Clear; 50-70F). 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 3 hours birding. (44 species, 113 individuals).

MAY 26, Saturday (HDP)
Highline Canal, McLellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, and Daniels Park. Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Hazel Kellogg, Jackie King, JoAnne Kyhl, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Don & Jo Shrode, Anne Southcott. (Clear to partly cloudy in AM, mostly cloudy with rain in PM; Wind, S 5-20 MPH; 50-70F). 29 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7.25 hours birding. (61 species, 268 individuals).

MAY 28, Monday (WS)
Willow Springs Ranch Open Space. Leader: Ronda & Tonja Woodward. Observers: Irma Applegren, Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Mark Frye, Betty & Stan Harwood, Kathy Holt, Hazel Kellogg, Charlie Letcher, Pat McMullan, Scott Menough, Betty & Harold

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Oliver, Sandy Righter, Don & Jo Shrode, Susan Soloyanis, Diane Taber, Craig Vardeman, Rita Vautrin, Dave Woodward, Amy Young. (Clear; Calm; 70-75F). 8 miles by car, 5.75 miles on foot. 4.25 hours birding. (48 species, 478 individuals).

1990 SPRING COUNT

Coordinator: Hugh Kingery
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Saturday, May 12:

LOWER BEAR CREEK (LBC). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Bobby Ausphal, Warren Finch, Donna Rieckmann, Mary Jane Schock, Alison & Don Spencer, Vito Tursi. (Mostly sunny; Wind, E 5-10 MPH; 46-61F). 9 hours. (72 species, 1315 individuals).

CHATFIELD SRA (CSP). Leader: Steve Stachowiak. Observers: Bill Fink, Glenn Hageman, Phil Hayes, Ed Holub, Randy Lentz, Jack Reddall, Tim Schowalter, Mortz Staatz, Chris Woods. (Clear in AM, showers in PM; Wind, SW 0-5 MPH; 40-60F). 12 hours. 35.5 miles. (108 species, 4071 individuals).

WATERTON (WTR). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Marilyn Clark, Scott & Ty Fitzmorris, Sue Gardner, Aurel Kelly, Janet Mallory, Sean Mallory, Cheryl Scott. (Clear; Warm). 9 hours. 16 miles. (80 species, 1108 individuals).

Sunday, May 13:

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA (CCR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Mary Berger, Irv Jackson, Arlene & Terry Raskin, Mort Staatz. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, W 5-20 MPH; 44-82F). 9 hours. 23 miles. (82 species, 1499 individuals).

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK (CC). Leader: Randy Lentz. Observer: Lew Schwerin. (Sunny; Wind, W 5-20 MPH; 40-65F). 10 hours. 23 miles. (57 species, 588 individuals).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL (RMA). Leader: Urling Kingery. Observers: Hugh Kingery, Carol & George Kirwin, Lisa Langelier, Lucy Pace, Niki Pliler, Donna Rieckmann, Norm & Virginia Torrey. (Clear; Wind, light; Warm). 9 hours. 33 miles. (74 species, 1004 individuals).

BARR LAKE SRA (BAR). Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Warren Finch, Rex McGehee, Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer. (Clear; Wind, W 0-30 MPH; 45-75F). 10 hours. 10 miles. (89 species, 1717 individuals).

BARR LAKE PERIPHERY (BLP). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Ruth Bull, Tim Schowalter. (Partly cloudy to clear; Wind, NE 0-10 MPH; 42-72F). 7.5 hours. 57 miles. (69 species, 3017 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

May 1, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers. (37 species, 417 individuals).

May 8, Chatfield Arboretum (ARB). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 37 observers. (35 species, 244 individuals).

May 15, Castle Rock Atlas Block (CRB). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 35 observers. (48 species, 530 individuals).

May 22, Waterton Canyon (WA). Leader: Else Van Erp. 31 observers. (37 species, 444 individuals.

May 29, Plains Conservation Center (PC). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 35 observers. (20 species, 173 individuals).

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

As usual, May was a big month for birds. Observers on the six regular DFO trips recorded 158 species and counters on the eight Annual Spring Count trips tallied 157 species (compared to 171 last year). A total of 188 species were observed on the regular and Spring-Count trips combined. The Tuesday Birders had one species not seen on the other trips. Another 36 species are reported as "Additional Reports" on page 88 and 36 more were announced on the Colorado Bird Report (see page 89) making a total of 261 species recorded for May in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

There were so many good birds seen during the month that it is impossible to note them all in the space available without possibly offending the observer(s) of some species that will unavoidably be omitted from this brief account. All of the DFO and Spring-Count trips but two had at least one species seen on no other trip; the Bonny Reservoir trip had 19. Perhaps the most notable feature of the month were the mid-month fallouts of vireos and warblers. Dan Bridges, who was in the field from the 6th through the 20th was particularly impressed with the fallouts.

Among some of the interesting sightings on regular DFO trips were a Broad-winged Hawk on the Roxborough-Perry Park trip and a Long-billed Curlew on the Rigli Ranch trip. The Bonny Reservoir trip reported a Black-bellied Plover, a Red-bellied Woodpecker, a Bell's Vireo, a Philadelphia Vireo, 2 Tennessee Warblers, and 2 Bay-breasted Warblers. A Black-and-white Warbler was seen on the trip to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. The High-line Canal to Daniels Park trip had 2 Lewis' Woodpeckers.

The Annual Spring Count came up with 3 Bald Eagles at Barr Lake, 3 Whimbrels (at Cherry Creek Reservoir and Barr Lake), a late Herring Gull at Cherry Creek Reservoir, a Short-eared Owl at Barr Lake Periphery, a Lewis' Woodpecker at Cherry Creek Reservoir, a Veery at Barr Lake, a Northern Mockingbird at Castlewood Canyon, a Black-throated Green Warbler at Barr Lake, Palm Warblers at Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Barr Lake, 2 Blackpoll Warblers at Barr Lake, and a Grasshopper Sparrow at Chatfield.

Swainson's Thrushes seemed to be particularly common in migration this year and were reported on six trips. Only one trip reported a Veery but several observers have noted that they too seem to have been more common than usual.

Among the many interesting species reported as "Additional Reports" on page 88 are Green-backed Heron, **Glaucous-winged Gull**, Caspian Tern, **Lesser Nighthawk**, **Dusky-capped Flycatcher**, **White-eyed Vireo**, Yellow-throated Vireo, **Pine Warbler**, Prothonotary Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, **Mourning Warbler**, Scarlet Tanager, and Rufous-crowned Sparrow.

Many unusual to downright rare species were reported to the Colorado Bird Report in May and are listed on page 99.

The most notable bird of the month was the lone female **BRONZED COWBIRD** seen in the yard of William & Janice Carter (brand new DFO members) in Lakewood (see page 88). This bird was seen by many and is a new state record.

ABBREVIATIONS used in Table 1 on pages 84-87: F=Foothills, H=Heard only, P=Plains, a=adult, d=details given, f=female, i=immature, m=male.

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TABLE 1: Birds Reported on May Field Trips

Scheduled DFO Trips								Annual Spring Count								Tuesday Birders				
5	6	18-20	19	26		28	DATE	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	1	8	15	22	29
ROX	RIG	BON	WR	HDP		WS	AREA COVERED	LBC	CSP	WTR	CCR	CC	RMA	BAR	BLP	WR	ARB	CRB	WA	PC
PF	P	P	P	P	F	F	LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	PF	F	P
							Common Loon	1	1					1						
		2	1				Pied-billed Grebe	3	1	2	2		7	2	4	1	2			
							Eared Grebe	2	1		6			6	2					
2		2		2			Western Grebe		25	8	65		21	18	33					
				3			Clark's Grebe		2		2			2	1					
		45					American White Pelican	4			12			20	23					
1	8	60	3	3		12	Double-crested Cormorant	19	280	1	120		3	30	40		3			1
	3	3	1	4		1	Great Blue Heron	13	75	10	30	5	6	7	16	1	3		6	
							Great Egret		1											
							Snowy Egret		2											
			3				Blk.-crowned Night-Heron		3		12a			4	4	1				
							White-faced Ibis		1		4			4						
6	1	2	12	8			Canada Goose	73a11i	17a9i	4	45		106	10	40	38	14	4		
		2					Wood Duck	1	6	8				3						
	2	4					Green-winged Teal	8	12	2	30		6	2				2		
8	7	9	14	6		9	Mallard	86a11i	30	24	25	3	15	30	139	52	4	15	1	
	6	2					Northern Pintail							13	10					
2	9	10	3				Blue-winged Teal	16	25	4	15		16	40		8	4	1		
6	4						Cinnamon Teal		7	3	5		2	5	13	2	4			
							"Blue-winged Teal" sp.								41					
		8					Northern Shoveler	2	18	20	15	1	5	40	69					
	6	12					Gadwall	36	3	22	15		7	20	12	4				
		4					American Wigeon		3					2	4	2				
							Redhead	6		8			14	15	68					
							Ring-necked Duck	4		2						18				
2			3				Lesser Scaup	6	1	8				6	16	11				
							Bufflehead		1f	25			1	10	4		1			
							Common Merganser	4f	5	4			3						3	
							Ruddy Duck	1		45	12		11	25	52	1				
2		15		1		1	Turkey Vulture	1	5	5	1	15						5	5	
		1	1				Osprey				1					1				
							Bald Eagle							3						
	3						Northern Harrier		1		1m1f		3	1	2					
1		1					Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		1a						1			
1						3	Cooper's Hawk		1f	4	2a									
							"Accipiter" species					1								
1							Broad-winged Hawk													
	8	5					Swainson's Hawk	2	3		2	3	9	3	8			7		2
3	1	3					Red-tailed Hawk		3					1			2	3		
				2			western races	1		3	1	3	10							
	2						Ferruginous Hawk													1
							"Buteo" species	1												
2						2	Golden Eagle		2	1								3	2	
2	4	2		3		5	American Kestrel	2	4	4	4	4	10		2			6		1
1	1						Prairie Falcon													
	2	4					Ring-necked Pheasant		1		5		13	3	1					
		4					Wild Turkey						1E							
1			1				Virginia Rail			2	1					2				
		1					Sora		2	1	7			2			2			
		1					American Coot	36	26	10	15a2i		9	28	79	2	2			
		1					Black-bellied Plover													
	6	1		2		5	Killdeer	14	9a2i	2	6	5	9	4	18			5		
		6					American Avocet		2		5		6		28					

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PF	P	P	P	P	F	F	LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	PF	F	P
							Greater Yellowlegs		1											
1	4						Lesser Yellowlegs								3		3			
							Solitary Sandpiper		2		1									
		1					Willet		1					8						
	2	15		1			Spotted Sandpiper	6	18	7	10		3	12	2	1	2	3		
							Whimbrel				1			2						
	1						Long-billed Curlew													
							Least Sandpiper		1						1					
	1						Long-billed Dowitcher								30					
							"Sandpiper" species						4							
	2						Common Snipe				1				1		2			
3		3					Wilson's Phalarope	7	6	20			41	30	380					
		10					Franklin's Gull							4						
							Bonaparte's Gull		2a3i											
	1	17					Ring-billed Gull	7	4		50				1	4				
	4						California Gull	2	6		15			40						
							Herring Gull				1i									
		4					Forster's Tern	2	3		1			3	1					
		15					Black Tern		1					1						
12		25		4		14	Rock Dove	28	4	51	1	6	18	12	18	2	2			
3	70	300	2	7		15	Mourning Dove	41	16	8	20	14	85	50	78		4	4	4	2
		1					Yellow-billed Cuckoo													
		4					Eastern Screech-Owl													
	5	1					Great-horned Owl	3a2i	5a2i	2			11	2	2		4			4
		2					Burrowing Owl		1		1a4i		5							2
							Short-eared Owl								1					
		6					Common Nighthawk													
		4					Chimney Swift													
8							White-throated Swift					8								
1					3	12	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1		5		9						11	7	
		3	1	1			Belted Kingfisher	2	3	3		1				1			1	
				2			Lewis' Woodpecker				1									
		4					Red-headed Woodpecker													
		1					Red-bellied Woodpecker													
		2	2				Downy Woodpecker	5	4	2			4	8		1		2		
							"Batchelder's" race				1m									
				2			eastern races			1	1f				1					
			2				Hairy Woodpecker	1												
		18	2			2	Northern Flicker													
1				5			"Red-shafted" race	16	7	4	5	8	10	3		14		5	3	
		1					Olive-sided Flycatcher			1									1	
		1	2	2		1	Western Wood-Pewee		3				1	2					2	
		1					Willow Flycatcher													
	1	8	1				Least Flycatcher							4						
							Hammonds's Flycatcher			1										
							Dusky Flycatcher	1d												
							Cordilleran Flycatcher		1											
		1					"Empidonax" species			3		1	2	1						
	2						Say's Phoebe			3			1							
	4	75		7		1	Western Kingbird	2	5		5	1	17	18	19			3		3
		60		12			Eastern Kingbird	3	1				2		3			1		
	52	8			4		Horned Lark		2				3		24					45
			2	3			Tree Swallow	6	17	110	5		1	20			2	1		

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PF	P	P	P	P	F	F	LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	PF	F	P
10					2		Violet-green Swallow	34	1000	210		30					4	4	80	
		80		4			No. Rough-winged Swallow	1	300	10	20	8		15			2			
		30					Bank Swallow													
		90		26		150	Cliff Swallow		500	8				4	36	40	5	115	90	7
	10	70	1	5		20	Barn Swallow	41	500	25	65	6	12	20	54	30	2	8	70	10
							"Swallow" species										100			
4						1	Steller's Jay					4						1		
	1	15	1				Blue Jay	1	1				6	2	2					
10					2	6	Scrub Jay					5						11	3	
6	12	4		6		11	Black-billed Magpie	45	23	9	30	10	29	8	31	35	9	25	12	7
2			1	1		7	American Crow	5	2	2		2				1	2	10	3	
4						6	Common Raven		4	1		2						1	2	
4		3	6	2		14	Black-capped Chickadee	10	16	12	6		6	10	2	6	2	4	6	
						1	Mountain Chickadee					5								
					1		White-breasted Nuthatch													
1							Pygmy Nuthatch													
						1H	Rock Wren					4			1					
2							Canyon Wren					3H							1	
1	1	60	2	8		7	House Wren	6	35	30	25	28	31	40	11		2	10	5	
							American Dipper					3								
	1						Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1											
6					4		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			2	1m	2						1		
3					2		Western Bluebird					2								
					19		Mountain Bluebird					26						7		
							Townsend's Solitaire		1				1							
		2					Veery							1						
	3	18	1	1			Swainson's Thrush		1					6						
	2	1					Hermit Thrush						1	2				1		
10	3	25	3	4		9	American Robin	70	20	10	25	55	15	15	13	10	4	11	2	1
		2					Gray Catbird												4	
							Northern Mockingbird					1								
	2	8					Brown Thrasher													
							American Pipit	9	100						2	2				
		20					Cedar Waxwing													
	3						Loggerhead Shrike					2								1
12	72	25	1	12		10	European Starling	48	145	48	45	12	82	150	40	5		9	5	9
		1					Bell's Vireo													
			2			1	Solitary Vireo		1											
		1					"Plumbeous" race	2		1				1						
		25	1	2		3	Warbling Vireo	1	1	1									3	
		1d					Philadelphia Vireo													
			1				Red-eyed Vireo												1	
		2					Tennessee Warbler													
	1	1					Orange-crowned Warbler		4			1		1						
		1				14	Virginia's Warbler		50	16		7								
		60	2	9		2	Yellow Warbler	9	10	17	9	5	27	30	11			14	65	
		1					Magnolia Warbler													
							Yellow-rumped Warbler									55	1	23	2	
	6	1					"Myrtle" race	3	10	8	1		3	1						
3	5	17	3	1			"Audubon's" race	12	275	74	12	30	24	34	7					
							Blk.-thr. Green Warbler							1						
							Palm Warbler						1	1						

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TABLE 1: (Continued)

Scheduled DFO Trips								Annual Spring Count								Tuesday Birders				
5	6	18-20	19	26		28	DATE	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	1	8	15	22	29
ROX	RIG	BON	WR	HDP		WS	AREA COVERED	LBC	CSP	WTR	CCR	CC	RMA	BAR	BLP	WR	ARB	CRB	WA	PC
PF	P	P	P	P	F	F	LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	PF	F	P
		2					Bay-breasted Warbler													
		2					Blackpoll Warbler							2						
			2				Black-and-white Warbler													
		2	1				American Redstart													
		1					Ovenbird													
		2					Northern Waterthrush		1		1									
		3				1	MacGillivray's Warbler			1			1	4						
		25		1			Common Yellowthroat	1H	3	1	30		7		12					
		1	2				Wilson's Warbler						1	1						
		1		2			Yellow-breasted Chat		2	6	1								2	
			2			6	Western Tanager	16m	10	11	1m	2	1		1		1			
		1	1f				Rose-breasted Grosbeak													
					1	6	Black-headed Grosbeak		2	9	1m	2	3	1				1		
							Blue Grosbeak											1		
		2		2		6	Lazuli Bunting		1m2f	4	1m							3	22	
						4	Green-tailed Towhee		9	2		5	3	8						
9		1					Rufous-sided Towhee						1					18	15	
	2			5	1	26	"Spotted" races		6	23	1	42		2						
1	30	40		1	1		Chipping Sparrow	4	5	9	100	1	39	50	42	7		30		
		10					Clay-colored Sparrow							1						
		1					Brewer's Sparrow				2			1				2		
	1				9	1	Vesper Sparrow		5	4	1	32	2	1		2		24		6
	3	30			1		Lark Sparrow	1	1	1	2		3	8	2					
		50					Lark Bunting						1		6					12
							Savannah Sparrow		4		8							5		
							Grasshopper Sparrow		1											
		1	5	3		2	Song Sparrow	12	7	5	10	5	3	8	8	5		5		
		4					Lincoln's Sparrow		2		1		3	5						
		1	1				White-crowned Sparrow	3	20					8	1	6	1			
				1			"Eastern" race			3										
	10						"Gambel's" race			1		3	2							
1							Dark-eyed Junco													
							"Oregon" race			1										
							"Gray-headed" race						1							
10	32	200	6	8		9	Red-winged Blackbird	141	100	5	225	65	62	150	580	35	35	77	5	8
3	40	60		11		5	Western Meadowlark	8	40	22	50	40	67	60	27		6	23	1	35
	51	75					Yellow-headed Blackbird	49	4	15	60		4	80	630		6			
	12					10	Brewer's Blackbird		9		3	12			1					
		1					Great-tailed Grackle													
6	44	200		3		9	Common Grackle	90	100	28	110		13	150	96	6				
	15	80	2	4		12	Brown-headed Cowbird	13	6	10	25	22	5	30					3	
		40					Orchard Oriole													
		30					Northern Oriole													
			6	4		6	"Bullock's" race	18	12	5	10	1	30	25	2			3	2	
1				1		10	House Finch	32	1	2	15	1	1		2	5				16
3	2	4				8	Pine Siskin	45		1	1									
					3		Lesser Goldfinch													
							"Black-backed" race												2	
	7	20	1	5			American Goldfinch	11	7	2	4	10	2	1			1	2	3	
6			1				Evening Grosbeak		2											
4	50	40	2	3		11	House Sparrow	76			3	4	11	200	103					
48	57	111	44	61		48	TOTAL SPECIES	72	108	80	82	57	74	89	69	37	35	48	37	20
197	649	2295	113	268		478	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1315	4071	1120	1499	588	1017	1730	3030	418	252	545	466	202

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ADDITIONAL MAY 1990 REPORTS

American Bittern 5/6 (1) 5/11 (2) Barr Lake, Adams Co. (AS)N
Green-backed Heron 5/8 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (RS)N
Cattle Egret 5-17 (4) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR)N
Mississippi Kite 5/27 (4) Lamar City Park, Prowers Co. (RS)N
Northern Goshawk 5/16 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (PH)N
Peregrine Falcon 5/8 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N
Scaled Quail 5/28 (1) Baca County (RS)N
Black-necked Stilt 5/26 (5) Lake Cheraw, Otero County (RS)N
White-rumped Sandpiper 5/17 (3) Lower Latham Reservoir (JR)N
Glaucous-winged Gull 5/1 (1i) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)N - 4th State Record
Caspian Tern 5/4 (1) Allison Atlas Block, La Plata Co. (HK)N
Least Tern 5/27 (2) Hasty Pond, Bent Co. (RS)S
Greater Roadrunner 5/28 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (RS)N
Lesser Nighthawk 5/27 (3) Cottonwood Canyon (RS,MJ,TM)S
Common Poorwill 5/31 (1) Poudre River, Ft. Collins, Larimer Co. (RS)S
Eastern Phoebe 5/28 (1) Cottonwood Canyon (RS)N
Dusky-capped Flycatcher 5/20 (1a) Below Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca Co. (DB)F
Ash-throated Flycatcher 5/28 (7) Cottonwood Canyon (RS)N
Chihuahuan Raven 5/28 (6) Cottonwood Canyon (RS)N
Bewick's Wren 5/28 (5) Cottonwood Canyon (RS)N
Eastern Bluebird 5/16 (6) Sorrento Atlas Block, Cheyenne Co. (HK)N
White-eyed Vireo 5/16 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (JT)F,(DS,RS)S
Yellow-throated Vireo 5/22-30 (1s) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (BK,JK)N
Nashville Warbler 5/15 (1m) Bonny Reservoir SRA (PH)N
Pine Warbler 5/19 (1m) Brush Hollow Reservoir, Fremont Co. (JM,JT)N
Prothonotary Warbler 5/20 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (JK,SS)
Worm-eating Warbler 5/15 (1a) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB)F,(WJC)N; 5/20 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (JK)N
Mourning Warbler 5/15&16 (1a) Bonny Reservoir SRA (DB)F,(JC,JH)N
Scarlet Tanager 5/8 (1m) Below Two Buttes Dam (DB)F
Dickcissel 5/15 (1) Near Cope, Washington Co. (PH)N
Canyon Towhee 5/28 (1) Cottonwood Canyon (RS)N
Cassin's Sparrow 5/16 (8) Sorrento Atlas Block (HK)N
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 5/28 (1) Cottonwood Canyon (RS)N
Sage Sparrow 5/29 (2) Vernon Draw Atlas Block, Moffat Co. (HK)N
White-throated Sparrow 5/9-12 (1) 1782 Locust St., Denver, Denver Co. (SP)S
BRONZED COWBIRD 5/17-22 (1) 13176 W. Green Mountain Dr., Lakewood, Jefferson Co., (JT)N - New State Record

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1990 REPORTS (Species inadvertently omitted from May *Lark Bunting*)

Greater Scaup 4-9 (1m,1f) Jim Hamm Nature Area, Boulder Co. (NG,RG)N
Western Kingbird 4-7 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (AW,SF)N
Varied Thrush 4-7 (1) Barr Lake State Park (AW,SF)N
Yellow Warbler 4-16 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (NG,RG)N
Common Redpoll 4-1 (5) Feeder at Ward, Boulder Co. (DM)N

Abbreviations used above: F=rare-bird Form submitted, N=No details, S=Some details, a=adult, f=female, m=male, s=singing

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JULY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

JULY 7, Saturday. PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM at the Park & Ride on Parker Road just north of I-225. A good area for Grasshopper Sparrows! *

JULY 8, Sunday. JEFFERSON, GEORGIA PASS, AND HACK RANCH (PARK COUNTY). Leader: Carol Hack (777-7893). Carpool at 7:00 AM west of Burlington Coat Factory in Bear Valley Shopping Center on South Sheridan north of Hampden (US 285). Meet leader at 8:30 AM at gas station in Jefferson. *

JULY 14, Saturday. BAILEY, GUANELLA PASS, AND GEORGETOWN. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 AM west of Burlington Coat Factory in Bear Valley Shopping Center on South Sheridan north of Hampden (US 285) or at 7:45 AM at Conifer on frontage road at entrance to Safeway parking lot. *

JULY 15, Sunday. BURLAND RANCHETTES. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:00 AM west of Burlington Coat Factory in Bear Valley Shopping Center on South Sheridan north of Hampden (US 285) or at 7:45 AM at Conifer on frontage road at entrance to Safeway parking lot. *

JULY 21, Saturday. FILIUS PARK, ECHO LAKE, SUMMIT LAKE, AND MOUNT EVANS. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park & Ride on Union just south of West 6th Ave. or at Filius Park at 8:00 AM. *

JULY 22, Sunday. BAILEY NESTING AREA, SUMMIT COUNTY. Leader: Sue Bonfield (day phone 1-668-0595). Coordinator: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Carpool at 6:30 AM at Park & Ride on Union just south of West 6th Ave. Meet leader at 8:00 AM at City Market parking lot in Silverthorne. *

JULY 28, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Carpool at 6:30 AM south of West 38th Ave. on Vance St. (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street - not in church parking lot. Meet for trip at 8:15 AM at National Park Headquarters. *

JULY 28 & 29, Saturday & Sunday. TAMARACK RANCH SWA, RED LION SWA, AND JUMBO RESERVOIR SWA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 AM Saturday at the hunter check station at Tamarack Ranch SWA (one-half mile north of Crook exit off of I-76). Camping at the hunter check station at Tamarack Ranch SWA or at Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Motels at Sterling or Julesburg. Call leader if you plan to go. *

* Bring lunch.

Submitted by:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

Tuesday Birders
You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

DFO Pelagic Trip to Monterey - Oct. 1-6
Few places in North America are as exciting in early October as Monterey, California and its environs with pelagic trips, shore birding the rich Elkhorn Slough estuary, and checking out the lush rocky coast habitats. Trip leader, Bob Righter, intends to make this a flexible trip in which participants can stay the whole time or just part of it. Featured boat trips will be on October 1, 5, and 6 (Mon., Fri., and Sat.). The Saturday excursion will be a special storm-petrel trip. Space on the boat trips is on a "first come basis" so those who plan to go should make reservations directly with Shearwater Journey, Box 1445, Soquel, CA 95073 (408-688-1990). The boat trips are $48 each. Write Bob at 2358 So. Filmore, Denver 80210 (692-8529) after the middle of July for complete calender of events. Be warned that Monterey is slightly on the expensive side.

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MAY RECORD OF THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT (423-5582)

David Martin informs that 203 reports and 34 updates of 72 species were phoned in to the Colorado Bird Report in May. 36 of the species reported are not reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. The 36 are: Little Blue Heron, Glossy Ibis, Eurasian Wigeon, Snowy Plover, Piping Plover, Sanderling, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, Red-necked Phalarope, Red Phalarope, Common Tern, Black-billed Cuckoo, Three-toed Woodpecker, Alder Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Purple Martin, Golden-winged Warbler, Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Canada Warbler, Hepatic Tanager, Summer Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Painted Bunting, Field Sparrow, Harris' Sparrow, Bobolink, Scott's Oriole, White-winged Crossbill. It is hoped that the observers of the very rare species whose names are double-underlined above send documentation to the Colorado Field Ornithologists. Many of those with single underlines should also be documented. 3647 calls (a record 117 per day) were made to the Bird Report for information.

DFO SOUTHEAST ARIZONA TRIP (APRIL 27 thru MAY 6)

Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Alan & Dee Hay. Highlights: 7 owl species including the Spotted, 8 hummingbird species, 17 warbler species, Rose-throated Becard, Rufous-winged Sparrow, and, of course, many excellent looks at Elegant Trogon. 183 total species and a lot of fun.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

David Martin, who has so ably manned the Colorado Bird Report for nearly four years, is seeking someone to take over the task as his own job commitments demand that he give up the duty on July 1.

David and a committee headed by Dick Schottler are actively looking for someone to be the new voice of the Bird Report but may not know about you. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for the job please inform Dave (422-9143) or Dick (278-8035).

The job is a big one but does not require a 365 day a year commitment as there are several people who are willing to act as substitutes when the regular reporter is unable to man the phone.

Everyone in the DFO appreciates the job Dave has done on the Bird Report and wish him well.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: *The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.*

REGULAR MEETINGS: *The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 P.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on the Colorado Bird Report 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.*

FIELD TRIPS: *These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.*

BULLETIN: *A monthly bulletin,* ***The Lark Bunting,*** *is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in checklist order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.*

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303)423-5582

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JUNE 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

JUNE 2, Saturday (PAW)
Pawnee Grasslands & Jackson Reservoir. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Mary Bill Bauer, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, JoAnne Kyhl, Arlene Raskin, Jerry Raskin, Mort Staatz, Amy Young. (Clear; 62-89F). 200 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 9 hours birding. (55 species, 707 individuals).

JUNE 3, Sunday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Crook, Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir SWA, and return to Denver. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Warren Finch, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Alan Hay, Pearl Jordan, Joey Kellner, Ed McConkey, Wayne McPhearson, Bob Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Randy Pullen. (Clear; Wind, NW 5-25 MPH; 53-78F). 341 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (83 species, 1653 individuals).

JUNE 6, Wednesday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Marge Armitage, Virgil Gore, Mary Belle Hamm, Kathy Holt, Hazel Kellogg, Liz Pendell. (Sunny; Calm; 55-73F). 5 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (40 species, 344 individuals).

JUNE 9, Saturday (APX)
Apex Trail Open Space. Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: David Gulbenkian, Bill Kistler, June Kistler, Amy Young. (Mostly clear; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 50-75F). 0 miles by car, 5.5 miles on foot. 5.5 hours birding. (45 species, 230 individuals).

JUNE 10, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Nancy Decio, Jean Dorman (New York), Eddie Gore, Pearl Jordan, Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby, Scott Menough, Roy Stahlgren. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW 10-15 MPH; 66-80F). 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (36 species, 417 individuals).

JUNE 16, Saturday (CSP)
Colorado Springs Area: Hanna Ranch & Hanover Road. Leader: Gary Conover (Aiken Audubon Soc.). DFO Coordinator: Robert Spencer. Observers: Marge Abbott, Faye Baker, Morrie Baker, Shirley Blackburn, Betty Boyd, Earl Carr, Emily Carr, Emmy Carr, Carla Crete, Fred Crowley, Ed Curry, Martha Curry, Ann Daniel, Vern Dayhoff, Nancy Decio, Blue Eubanks, Betty Field, Donna Flageolle, Terry Flageolle, Ruth Funk, Peggy Gohder, Bob Goycoolea, Doris Hiatt, Eldon Hitchcock, Monique Hitchcock, Kathy Holt, Bob Joyce, Hazel Kellogg, D. J. Mou, T. W. Mou, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Audrey Pawlowski, Jack Reddall, Toby Titman, Dee Williams, Joyce Wolfli. (Clear; Wind, SW 10-25 MPH; 65-90F). 85 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (50 species, 655 individuals).

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The **Denver Field Ornithologists** was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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(Field Trip Summaries continued)

JUNE 17, Sunday (ULP)
Union Reservoir (Plains), Lyons (Foothills), and Peaceful Valley (Mountains). Leader: Bill Prather. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Jean Fredlund, Jim Fredlund, Wendell Hoag, Ed McConkey, Mary Pullen, Nina Pullen, Randy Pullen, Roy Stahlgren, Joe TenBrink, Art Wainwright, Helen Wainwright. (Mostly clear; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 70-85F). 40 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (68 species, 1300 individuals).

JUNE 23, Saturday (CCF)
Commerce City Greenbelt/Fairmount Cemetery. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Scott Arnold, Angela Bailey, Ruth Breckon, Johnny Davis, Helen Hassemer, Wendell Hoag, Kathy Holt, Hazel Kellogg, JoAnne Kyhl, Donna Sanford, Roy Stahlgren, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Amy Young. (Clear; Wind, NW 1-2 MPH; ?-98F). 29.5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (39 species, 838 individuals).

JUNE 24, Sunday (LBC)
Lower Bear Creek. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby, Hugh Ravatt, Virgil Williams. (Sunny; Calm; 65-95F). 25 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (34 species, 255 individuals).

JUNE 27, Wednesday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Diana Mullineaux. Observers: Nancy Bin Kley, Wanda Dudek, Wendell Hoag, Kathy Holt, Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Calm; 70-95F). 0 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (28 species, 438 individuals).

JUNE 30, Saturday (RMP)
Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Nancy Decio, Helen Hassemer, Alan Hay, Bonnie Hay, Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Wendell Hoag, Jean Hoover, Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby, Chuck Purdy, Mary Purdy, Arlene Raskin, Jerry Raskin, Jack Reddall, Lee Rowe, Marilyn Rowe, Aaron Sell, Arnold Silverman, Bob Spencer, Shirley Spencer, Mort Staatz, Vito Tursi, Rachel Warren, Eleanor White. (Clear AM, cloudy PM; Wind, SW 0-5 MPH; 54-80F). 46 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (48 species, 198 individuals).

INDEPENDENT TRIP

June 20, Wednesday (IND)
Cherry Creek SRA; Castlewood Canyon SP; Sedalia to Louviers; Chatfield SRA; Genesee Mtn. Park; Lower Latham Reservoir; Prospect Reservoir. Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind 0-5 MPH; 44-88F). 256 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12.5 hours birding. (110 species, 2601 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

June 5, Los Lagos near Nederland (LL). Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Phyllis Baldwin. 49 observers. (34 species, 89 individuals).
June 12, Boulder: Bobolink Trail & Walden Ponds (BDR). Leaders: Ann Bonnell & MaryJo Rosemeyer. 42 observers. (40 species, 244 individuals).
June 19, Chatfield Arboretum (ARB). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. (35 species, 222 individuals).
June 26, Stapleton Park - Braille Trail (SP). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 33 observers. (23 species, 82 individuals).

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 152 avian species were recorded on the eleven scheduled DFO trips in July. One independent trip recorded 11 species seen on no DFO trip and the Tuesday birders added 5 species not seen on the DFO or independent trips. Another 15 species are recorded on pages 97 and 98 under "Additional Reports" making a total of 183 species for July in Colorado that are reported in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

The trip to the Pawnee Grasslands and Jackson Reservoir (PAW) yielded three species seen on no other trip: Mountain Plover, McCown's Longspur, and Chestnut-collared Longspur. The nine participants were also rewarded with views of Burrowing Owls and Northern Mockingbirds.

The Northeastern Colorado trip (NEC) came up with more species than any other trip and had 13 species seen on no other DFO trip. Among the best were American Bittern, nine Bobwhite (all heard only), Willow Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Cassin's and Grasshopper Sparrows, and Bobolink.

The seven people who went on the Wednesday morning trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR) saw the only Cinnamon Teal of the month.

Only five observers were present on the half-day trip on the Apex Trail (APX). Probably their best sighting was of a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

The Barr Lake (BAR) observers were again rewarded with views of the Bald Eagles (1 adult and 2 young). They also saw rehabilitators release a Canada Goose and a Virginia Rail into the wild and observed a Red-headed Woodpecker.

Several of those from the Denver area who went on the Colorado Springs trip (CSP) saw some birding areas that were new to them. Many good birds were seen but the highlight must have been the observation of an adult and two immature Barn Owls at their nest hole.

The trip to Union Reservoir, Lyons, and Peaceful Valley (ULP) visited a good variety of habitats and came up with 68 species. They had the only Red-breasted Nuthatch of the month.

Probably the most memorable thing about the three half-day trips to Commerce City/Fairmount Cemetary (CCF), Lower Bear Creek (LBC), and the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) was the heat. A reasonable number of species were seen even on those trips despite record-breaking temperatures.

The very well attended trip to Rocky Mountain National Park was a great success in coming up with 15 species seen on no other DFO trip of the month. Occpied nests were seen of at least 7 species. Highlights of the trip were good observation of White-tailed Ptarmigan (seen by all) and a brief view of Band-tailed Pigeon (seen by one). Other good birds were Hammond's Flycatcher, American Pipit, and Rosy Finch.

The most unusual species of the 16 others reported by the independent trip and the Tuesday birders was the Gray-cheeked Thrush reported by the latter group at Nederland. The bird was identified by sound only. It should be noted that there are no accepted records of that species in Colorado in June.

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TABLE 1: Birds Reported on June Field Trips

	Scheduled DFO Trips													Ind. Trip	Tuesday Birders			
DATE	2	3	6	9	10	16		17		23	24	27	30	20	5	12	19	26
AREA COVERED	PAW	NEC	CCR	APX	BAR	CSP		ULP		CCF	LBC	WGB	RMP	IND	LL	BDR	ARB	SP
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	F	M	P	P	P	M	PFM	M	P	P	M
Pied-billed Grebe	2	2												2	1			
Eared Grebe														10				
Western Grebe	15	5	18		10		4			1	1			20		1		
Clark's Grebe							12			1				1				
American White Pelican	24	100					21			11				30				
Double-crested Cormorant	22	15	52		38					23	25	2		180		12	11	
American Bittern		1												1				
Great Blue Heron	1	8	4		8		3			4	3			70		7	6	
Cattle Egret														2				
Blk.-crowned Night-Heron			6							3	2	1		20				
Canada Goose	1	30	10	4	28a5i		20			24	30	165		75		40	12	
Wood Duck											1			2m				
Green-winged Teal														10				
Mallard	4	10	20		37a8i	1	10	2		40	40	70	1m1f	65		7	15	
Northern Pintail		1m												60				
Blue-winged Teal	1	2	1							1	2	1		25		1		
Cinnamon Teal			1											10			1	
Northern Shoveler		4								2				5		7		
Gadwall		3			3									3		2		
Redhead		1																
Ring-necked Duck													9m		2			
Lesser Scaup												1						
Common Merganser		4														4		
Ruddy Duck		1												6				
Turkey Vulture								2						5	2	1	1	
Osprey															1			
Bald Eagle					1a2i													
Northern Harrier	1	1f				1f												
Cooper's Hawk													1a	1a				
Swainson's Hawk	5	8			3									1			1	
Red-tailed Hawk	1									1			1			2		1
western races		9		2		8		1			1			1				
Ferruginous Hawk														1				
Golden Eagle		1a				3a1i		4										
American Kestrel	25	6	1		2	8	1			4	2			3			1	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	2m	2											3m				
White-tailed Ptarmigan													2					
Northern Bobwhite		9H																
Virginia Rail					1												1	
Sora														1H				
American Coot	4	13	4		9		1			2								
Killdeer	25	5	7		1	3	4			8	2			45		6	2	
Mountain Plover	8																	
American Avocet		8					6			18				40		6		
Spotted Sandpiper			1				2			1H				1				
Least Sandpiper														1				
Common Snipe							1							4				
Wilson's Phalarope		1m												15				
Franklin's Gull														175				
Ring-billed Gull	4	1	25		23		20			18				75		3		
California Gull	3	1								22				40		1		
Herring Gull		1i																
Caspian Tern																1		
Forster's Tern		5								10				1				
Black Tern		15												1				

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DATE	2	3	6	9	10	16	17			23	24	27	30	20	5	12	19	26
AREA COVERED	PAW	NEC	CCR	APX	BAR	CSP	ULP			CCF	LBC	WGB	RMP	IND	LL	BDR	ARB	SP
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	F	M	P	P	P	M	PFM	M	P	P	M
Rock Dove	40	15	2	2		3				65	4			20				
Band-tailed Pigeon													2					
Mourning Dove	50	110	9	3	11	50	20	10		31	7	4		150			4	
Barn Owl						1a2i												
Great-horned Owl	1	1a1i	1															
Burrowing Owl	4					1												
Common Nighthawk	5	2				3						1						
Chimney Swift		2																
White-throated Swift				2				8					1	3				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				6				2	50				5m2f	2m	12			10
Belted Kingfisher		2				1		1		2		2		2				
Lewis' Woodpecker						1		2										
Red-headed Woodpecker		7			1	2									1			
Red-naped Sapsucker									1				4		1			
Williamson's Sapsucker													3N	1m				
Downy Woodpecker					1					1m					1	2		
"Batchelder's" race													2N					
eastern races		1	1								1			1				
Hairy Woodpecker																		1
"Rocky Mountain" race													4N	1				
eastern races		1																
Northern Flicker						2												
"Yellow-shafted" race		2														3		
"Red-shafted" race	2	8	7		4			6		6	20	5	1	6			1	1
Olive-sided Flycatcher		2							1							1		
Western Wood-Pewee	4	9	1	3	1	3	1	8	1				5N	30		1	1	3
Willow Flycatcher		1												1				
Least Flycatcher															1			
Hammond's Flycatcher													3					
Cordilleran Flycatcher				2				3					1	5				2
"Empidonax" species				2														
Western Kingbird	50	50			13	35	2			8				45			1	
Eastern Kingbird	20	90			18	2	1				1			1	2	2	1	
Horned Lark	70	10				45							2	15				
Tree Swallow			8		4								15	10	2	8		
Violet-green Swallow				3				20	2				20	30	5			7
No. Rough-winged Swallow		4			10	5					4			6		4		
Bank Swallow	10									1								
Cliff Swallow	20	70		1		75	10	100		150	2	3		20		21	100	
Barn Swallow	45	125	2	6	14	20	4	30		85		5		80		12	4	
Steller's Jay				4					2				5	3	2			1
Blue Jay	5	1										1						
Scrub Jay				2										3				
Clark's Nutcracker													10		1			
Black-billed Magpie	15	4	20	5	7	6	2			35	8	15	3	45	4	7	2	1
American Crow	1	2								3			2	6	4			3
Chihuahuan Raven						1												
Common Raven				1				1					1	1	1			2
Black-capped Chickadee	1	4	3	3	3	2		2			4	6		7			1	
Mountain Chickadee				2									5N	2	4			4
Red-breasted Nuthatch									1									
White-breasted Nuthatch													1	2	2			
Pygmy Nuthatch													7N	5	2			1
Rock Wren				6										1				
Canyon Wren								1						2H				

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DATE	2	3	6	9	10	16	17			23	24	27	30	20	5	12	19	26
AREA COVERED	PAW	NEC	CCR	APX	BAR	CSP	ULP			CCF	LBC	WGB	RMP	IND	LL	BDR	ARB	SP
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	F	M	P	P	P	M	PFM	M	P	P	M
House Wren		45	2		6	15		10	10		3	1	7	45		2	10	1
Marsh Wren														5				
American Dipper													1					
Golden-crowned Kinglet									1				1m					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									10				3		12			3
Western Bluebird													4N	4				2
Mountain Bluebird														5	4			
Townsend's Solitaire				2										1				
Hermit Thrush													3		1			2
Gray-cheeked Thrush															1*			
American Robin	6	35	14	11	9	30	20	50	10	25	6		4	50	2	5	6	9
Gray Catbird		2						2										
Northern Mockingbird	3					2												
Brown Thrasher	1	25																
American Pipit													5					
Cedar Waxwing								30										
Loggerhead Shrike	4					2a4i												
European Starling	20	80	4	1	18	50	100	100		125	2	18		120		2	1	
Bell's Vireo		4																
Solitary Vireo "Plumbeous" race				2										2				
Warbling Vireo		3		6		1		2	20				8	8	3	2	1	
Red-eyed Vireo														1				
Virginia's Warbler				5				1						2m				
Yellow Warbler	4	45	2	7	3	1m	4	30			4	6		20			4	
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race				2					5				4		2			
American Redstart														1m				
Common Yellowthroat		25	2		1	1m	2				1	2		20		2	1	
Wilson's Warbler									2				1		3			
Yellow-breasted Chat		6		4		4								6				
Western Tanager				3			1						2m1f	2m	1			2a2n
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				1m														
Black-headed Grosbeak	1	3m	2	6		1m		1						8m1f			3	
Blue Grosbeak		1m3f				1m											1	
Lazuli Bunting	1			23		2m		2						5m				
Indigo Bunting				1m		1m								1m			2	
Green-tailed Towhee				2										1				1
Rufous-sided Towhee "Spotted" races		3		37		4		2						15				
Cassin's Sparrow		1																
Chipping Sparrow				3									1	1	4			7
Vesper Sparrow				1										12		1		
Lark Sparrow		15				1		1						4				
Lark Bunting	64	20				30												
Savannah Sparrow		1					1							2				
Grasshopper Sparrow		1																
Song Sparrow			4	2			2	1		1	4	7		7				
Lincoln's Sparrow													2					
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race				1									4	2				
McCown's Longspur	15																	
Chestnut-coll'd Longspur	8																	
Bobolink		6m												2m		3		
Red-winged Blackbird	40	90	41		45	40	200	50	10	40	16	12	15	225		35	15	

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DATE	2	3	6	9	10	16		17		23	24	27	30	20	5	12	19	26
AREA COVERED	PAW	NEC	CCR	APX	BAR	CSP		ULP		CCF	LBC	WGB	RMP	IND	LL	BDR	ARB	SP
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	F	M	P	P	P	M	PFM	M	P	P	M
Western Meadowlark	17	175	15	3	4	80	10	2		1	4	1		130		5	4	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	5	2	12		7		50							35		4	2	
Brewer's Blackbird	1		2	2				2					2	10				
Common Grackle	11	25	8		32	60	10	10		31	26	75		160		16		
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	50	4	14		15					4	5	1m	25	2		2	
Orchard Oriole	4	75				1m												
Northern Oriole										4		8						
"Baltimore" race		2m																
"Bullock's" race	4	8	4	8	22	7	2	6		2	10			4		2	1	
Rosy Finch																		
"Brown-capped" race													4					
Cassin's Finch													1f					
House Finch		5	12	8		5	2	20		8	10	13		55		2		7
Pine Siskin									10				5	2	1			9
Lesser Goldfinch				15				20						10	1		2	
American Goldfinch		40	10	1		2		10			1	2		15			1	
Evening Grosbeak															1			
House Sparrow	4	60			4	10	50	10		20	4	6		60		1		
TOTAL SPECIES	55	83	40	45	36	50		68		39	34	28	48	110	34	40	35	23
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	707	1653	344	230	417	655		1300		838	255	438	198	2601	89	244	222	82

ABBREVIATIONS used in Table 1: H = Heard only; N = Nesting; a = adult; f = female; i = immature; m = male; n = nestling; * = this bird, very unlikely in the mountains in June, was identified by song only

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1990 REPORTS

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Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips.
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, & 1989) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location (please **do not** fail to include the **county** of occurrence). Refer to the supplement of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 24, Number 11 (August 1989), for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

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Common Loon 6/16 (1nb) Williams Fork Reservoir, Grand Co. (KH)N
Great Egret 6/23 (1) Gravel pit ponds in Fort Collins, Larimer Co. (AS)N
Green-backed Heron 6/26 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (SS)S
Lesser Scaup 6/27 (2m2f) Kenosha Pass summit, Park Co. (CH,KH)N
Osprey 6/5 (1m) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ)S; 6/22-23 (1) Hidden Lake, Adams Co. (AP)N
Broad-winged Hawk 6/6 (1a) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (JR)N
Wild Turkey 6/9 (1) Near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH,DH)N; 6/26 (1a2c) Julesburg Rest Area, Sedgwick Co. (JR)N
Piping Plover 6/1 (1a) NeeNoShe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (JM)S,(JA,JT)N
Upland Sandpiper 6/3 (2) 3 miles east of Kiowa, Elbert Co. (JM)S,(JA,JT)N
Long-billed Curlew 6/3 (30) Pritchett Atlas Block, Baca Co. (JM)S,(JA,JT)N
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6/3 (2) City Park, Lamar, Prowers Co. (BR)N; 6/26 (2) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JR)N
Flammulated Owl 6/26 (1) Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Gilpin Co. (AH,DG)N
Eastern Screech-Owl 6/25 (2a1i) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JR)N

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Black-chinned Hummingbird 6/23 (1nf) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (BS,MW)N
Great-crested Flycatcher 6/1 (1) North of Kit Carson, Cheyenne Co. (BR)N
Chihuahuan Raven 6/3 (2a1i) Pritchett Atlas Block, Baca Co. (JM)S,(JA,JT)N
Bendire's Thrasher 6/9 (1a) North of Del Norte in Saguache Co. (DB)F
Red-eyed Vireo 6/23 (1m) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (BS)N
Tennessee Warbler 6/5 (1m) Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer Co. (BR)N
Northern Parula 6/1 (1m) North of Kit Carson, Cheyenne Co. (BR)N
Chestnut-sided Warbler 6/12 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (BS)N
American Redstart 6/23 (1f) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (BS)N
Ovenbird 6/21 (1) Near South Fork of Deer Creek, Jefferson Co. (AH)N
Mourning Warbler 6/1 (1f) North of Kit Carson, Cheyenne Co. (BR)D
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 6/12 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (BS)N
Cassin's Sparrow 6/23 (1m) Joe's SW Atlas Block, Kit Carson Co. (PH)N
Grasshopper Sparrow 6/23 (1) Joe's SW Atlas Block, Kit Carson Co. (PH)N

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Abbreviations used above: D = Documentation sent to CFO Records Committee, F = rare-bird Form submitted, N = No details, S = Some details, a = adult, c = chick, f = female, i = immature, m = male, nb = nonbreeding plumage, nf = nesting female

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JUNE RECORD OF THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT (423-5582)

No report was received on the activities of the Colorado Bird Report for June. As of this writing no replacement has yet been found to assume the job David Martin has vacated.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT

Thanks are extended to the following persons and organizations for their recent contributions to the Colorado Bird Report: Nancy Boyd, Jill Knaak, Scott Menough, Thompson Marsh, Tuesday Birders, Aiken Audubon Society (Colorado Springs).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DFO Pelagic Trip to Monterey - Oct. 1-6

Few places in North America are as exciting in early October as Monterey, California and its environs with pelagic trips, shore birding the rich Elkhorn Slough estuary, and checking out the lush rocky coast habitats. Trip leader, Bob Righter, intends to make this a flexible trip in which participants can stay the whole time or just part of it. Featured boat trips will be on October 1, 5, and 6 (Mon., Fri., and Sat.). The Saturday excursion will be a special storm-petrel trip. Space on the boat trips is on a "first come basis" so those who plan to go should make reservations directly with Shearwater Journey, Box 1445, Soquel, CA 95073 (408-688-1990). The boat trips are $48 each. Write Bob at 2358 So. Filmore, Denver 80210 (692-8529) after the middle of July for complete calender of events. Be warned that Monterey is slightly on the expensive side.

C.F.O. Field Trip to Glenwood Springs

Vic Zerbi (979-6211) will lead a field trip to the Glenwood Springs area and Hanging Lake on Saturday, August 4.

AUGUST DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS
All field trip participants are urged to carpool whenever possible to help conserve energy and reduce air pollution. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled field trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS
Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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AUGUST 4, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK, AND CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM in parking lot south of Albertson's on the northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. *

AUGUST 5, Sunday. BEAR CREEK - PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center (on South Sheridan just north of US 285). *

AUGUST 11, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Meet at 7:30 AM at the Nature Center in the Park. 1/2 day trip. Lunch optional.

AUGUST 11 & 12, Saturday & Sunday. NORTH PARK, ARAPAHOE NWR, AND COLORADO STATE FOREST. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday at Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Stay Saturday night in North Park Motel in Walden (1-723-4271) or camp in primitive campground 1 mile north of Walden. Call leader if you are going. *

AUGUST 18, Saturday. GENESEE MOUNTAIN AND STAPLETON DRIVE. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park & Ride just south of 6th Ave. on Union. 1/2 day trip. Lunch optional.

AUGUST 19, Sunday. BERGEN PARK TO SUMMIT LAKE. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at 8:00 AM at Bergen Park. *

AUGUST 25, Saturday. REYNOLDS PARK. Leaders: Harold & Betty Oliver (936-6902). Meet at 7:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center (on South Sheridan just north of US 285). *

AUGUST 26, Sunday. PREWITT RESERVOIR. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. *

* Bring lunch.

Submitted by:
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

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Tuesday Birders
You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

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Baca County trip in September
Dan Bridges (755-7665) will once again lead a three-day field trip to Baca County over the Labor Day weekend, Saturday through Monday, September 1-3. It will be a great chance to see some of the southeastern Colorado specialties. Watch for details in the August *Lark Bunting*.

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NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1990

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JULY 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

JULY 7, Saturday (PCC)
Plains Conservation Center. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Wendell Hoag, Kathy Holt, Roy Stahlgren, Joe TenBrink, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, NW 0-3 MPH; 68-80F). 15 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (23 species, 121 individuals).

JULY 8, Sunday (HAK)
South Park: Jefferson, Michigan Creek C.G., Hack Ranch. Leaders: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Fern Hack, Joey Kellner, Charles & Martha Morrison (North Carolina), Jack & John Reddall, Aaron Sell. (Cloudy, foggy, rainy; Wind, NW 0-5 MPH; 45-50F). 19.5 miles by car, .75 miles on foot. 3.5 hours birding. (45 species, 321 individuals).

JULY 14, Saturday (BGG)
Bailey, Guanella Pass, and Georgetown. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Wendell Argabrite (W.Va.), Patricia Fair, Betty & Stan Harwood, Phil Hayes, Wendell Hoag, Billie & Estes Howe, Hazel Kellogg, Jack Reddall, Donna Rieckmann, Anne Southcott, Roy Stahlgren, Vito Tursi, Mary Washburn. (Partly cloudy to cloudy with light rain; Wind, W 0-15 MPH; 60-75F). 40 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours birding. (49 species, 202 individuals).

JULY 15, Sunday (BUR)
Burland Ranchettes. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Nancy Decio, Alan Hay, Wendell Hoag, Irv Jackson, Joe & Norma Kamby, Aaron Sell, Joe TenBrink, Virgil Williams. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind 0-24 MPH; 65-72F). 9 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (43 species, 276 individuals.

JULY 21, Saturday (FEV)
Filius Park, Echo Lake, Summit Lake, and Mount Evans. Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Marilyn Clark; Mae Criley (Tucson); Don, Joan, Mike, & Kristen Dowler (Quincy, IL); Bob Goycoolea; Jill Knaak; Kathy Olmstead (Tucson); Liz Willcockson. (Mostly cloudy in AM, rain & hail in PM; Wind, S 10-25 MPH; 40-60F). 55 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (36 species, 107 individuals).

JULY 22, Sunday (BNA)
Bailey Nesting Area, Summit County. Leader: Susan Bonfield. Observers: John & Mary Jane Black, Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Dan Greene, Irv Jackson, Bob Jickling, Joe & Norma Kamby, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Rachel Warren. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, mostly calm but with gusts to 20 MPH; 55-75F). 22 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (34 species, 98 individuals).

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JULY 28, Saturday (RMP)
Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Cleta & Roy Abbott, Dick & Peggy Boltz, Marilyn Clark, May Criley (Tucson), Don & Joan Dowler, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Dave & Orin Gelderloos, Alan & Dee Hay, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Frieda Krolik, Ed McConkey, Donna Rieckmann, Anne Southcott, Vito Tursi, Virgil Williams. (Mostly cloudy in AM, cloudy in PM with intermittent sprinkles; Calm; 55-70F). 50 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (43 species, 304 individuals).

JULY 28&29, Saturday & Sunday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo SWA, Sedgwick. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Nancy Decio, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Phil Hayes, Bob Jickling, Joey Kellner, Tim Showalter, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Linda Vidal, Rachel Warren. (Clear to partly cloudy with strong PM thunderstorms; Wind, N-NE 0-20 MPH: 55-85F). 70 miles by car, 9 miles on foot. 20.5 hours birding. (98 species, 2574 individuals).

INDEPENDENT TRIP

JULY 11, Wednesday (BIG)
July Big Day: Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Winkler Ranch, Castle Rock, Sedalia, Chatfield SRA, Morrison, Genesee Mountain Park, Denver, US 85 to Platteville, Weld County roads to Lower Latham Reservoir, Kersey, US 34 to Orchard, "Pelican Refuges", Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, I-76 to Denver. Observers: Joe Himmel, Joey Kellner, Jack Reddall, Joe Roller. (Clear AM, partly cloudy to cloudy with light rain in PM; Wind, variable 0-20 MPH; 65-85F). 346 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 15.5 hours birding. (140 species, 4244 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

July 3. Sedalia; Jarre Canyon to Indian Creek C.G. (SJI). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers. (40 species, 139 individuals).

July 10. Estes Park area to Lyons (EPL). Leaders: Ann Bonnell, Betsy & Prather Ashe, Edna Mills. 32 observers. (41 species, 156 individuals).

July 17. Georgetown to Burland Ran-

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LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	M	M	M	F	M	M	M	P	PFM	F	FM	M	M	M
Stilt Sandpiper									45						
Short-billed Dowitcher									11						
Long-billed Dowitcher									20	4					
Common Snipe		7							2	2					
Wilson's Phalarope		1m							4	8					
Franklin's Gull									12	1					
Ring-billed Gull									100	50					
California Gull								15	50	80					
Caspian Tern									2						
Forster's Tern									25	8					
Black Tern									45	1a1i					
Rock Dove	6			4	3				10	15					
Band-tailed Pigeon													7		
Mourning Dove	4		2	5					200	250	5				
Great-horned Owl	1			2						2i					
Burrowing Owl	3								4	8					
Common Nighthawk							3		5	3					
White-throated Swift										2		6			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		5m3fN	5	6	7	3	5	8		7	6	6	9	6	6
Rufous Hummingbird				1	2							1		2	
Belted Kingfisher				1				1	5	4	2				
Lewis' Woodpecker										1	1				
Red-headed Woodpecker									12	1					
Red-bellied Woodpecker									1m						
Red-naped Sapsucker		6N				1	1	2				1	3		
Williamson's Sapsucker		1	2							1m					
Downy Woodpecker			1					1		2					
eastern races					1				6						
Hairy Woodpecker											1				
"Rocky Mountain" race			1							1					
eastern races									3						
Northern Flicker				4			1		28						
"Red-shafted" race		4N	1		2			2		12	2	5			1
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1H		1											3
Western Wood-Pewee		2N	2	2			2	2		16	3	4			
Willow Flycatcher				1											
Least Flycatcher									1						
Dusky Flycatcher		1N					1*	2							
Cordilleran Flycatcher			2	1N						6		3			
"Empidonax" species			1												
Say's Phoebe	3									1					
Western Kingbird	2								60	50	1				
Eastern Kingbird									100	20					
Horned Lark	8	1						2	3	13					
Tree Swallow		25N	3	27			3	20		20		2			
Violet-green Swallow			7	35	2	2	10	30		25		10	3	2	3
Northern Rough-winged Swallow										10					
Bank Swallow									5	15					
Cliff Swallow	3	72N	20	43					35	350	2	22	5	1	
Barn Swallow	7	10	6		2			6	150	130		2		1	5
Gray Jay		2				1							2	2	
Steller's Jay		1	5	5	2		1	6		2			2	1	6
Blue Jay									20	2					
Scrub Jay										2	1				
Clark's Nutcracker				1		1		16					2	3	
Black-billed Magpie	7	3	2	7	3		3	27	4	130	15	3	3		20
American Crow			1	3	6			3	1	4	2	3	3	27	3

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Common Raven		5	3	2		3	2	8		1	1			5	3
Black-capped Chickadee		1H		6	1				7	8	8	4			4
Mountain Chickadee		1	8	2	2		3	6		5		2	2	2	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch								1							
White-breasted Nuthatch			2	1					1	4	3	1			
Pygmy Nuthatch			5	1	6					10		2			
Rock Wren										2					
Canyon Wren												1			
House Wren		1H	6	5	2		1	5	60	35	6	5			2
Marsh Wren									1	2					
American Dipper			1				1	3					1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1				2	30			2		7	1	1
Western Bluebird			3	12	3					4					
Mountain Bluebird		1m1f	2	15				1		6	4	3	1	2	1
Townsend's Solitaire			2	2	1										
Veery		1H													
Swainson's Thrush		1					4								
Hermit Thrush		5				3	6			4	1		1	1	
American Robin		23	6	18		2	6	13	30	45	8	6	4	4	4
Gray Catbird									1	1					
Brown Thrasher									14	2					
American Pipit						6		35						9	
Cedar Waxwing										3					
Loggerhead Shrike	5								1						
European Starling	2	8	2						100	150	4				
Bell's Vireo									10						
Solitary Vireo				1						3					
"Plumbeous" race			3												
Warbling Vireo		4N	1	1					1	2	8	3afm			
Red-eyed Vireo										2					
Virginia's Warbler										2					
Yellow Warbler		1					4		6	8	3		2		
Yellow-rumped Warbler												3		9	
"Audubon's" race			1		1		2*	6		3m					
American Redstart										1m					
Ovenbird											3				
MacGillivray's Warbler			2												
Common Yellowthroat									9	40					
Wilson's Warbler		3	3				2	14				1	5	4	
Yellow-breasted Chat									4	7	1				
Western Tanager			4	2	1			4		1m1f	2	1			
Black-headed Grosbeak					2			2	3	3m	1	1			
Blue Grosbeak									2	3m					
Lazuli Bunting									1m	5m					
Indigo Bunting									1m						
Green-tailed Towhee			1	1	1					3		2			
Rufous-sided Towhee											10				
"Spotted" races			1		1				8	18					
Cassin's Sparrow										2					
Chipping Sparrow			5	1	4				35	10	4	5			
Vesper Sparrow	17			2						15					
Lark Sparrow	3								40	15					
Lark Bunting	2								1m3f	1f					
Savannah Sparrow		14								2					
Grasshopper Sparrow	5								4	4					
Fox Sparrow							1*								

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Song Sparrow		2H	1	3				1		8	2		1		1
Lincoln's Sparrow		6	5				6	2				1	4	2	
White-crowned Sparrow					1			2					12	8	
"eastern" race		12	7				3								
Dark-eyed Junco															4
"Gray-headed" race		2	1				3			2		9	9	2	
Bobolink										4m					
Red-winged Blackbird	1	19		15			1	3	150	500	3	7	3		
EASTERN MEADOWLARK									1						
Western Meadowlark	24	2							75	180	5				
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1								225					
Brewer's Blackbird		35	12	7			7			40					
Common Grackle		9							40	400			2		
Brown-headed Cowbird		4	2	2			7		20	40	2	3		1	
Orchard Oriole									16	3					
Northern Oriole															
"Baltimore" race									1m1f						
"Bullock's" race	1								5	18	3				
Rosy Finch														4	
"Brown-capped" race						6									
Pine Grosbeak			1m				3	2							
Cassin's Finch		2		2				1		2m		3			
House Finch	11				8					20		2			
Red Crossbill			29N	1			1	2		10					
Pine Siskin		6	13	20	4			3		25	5	5	14	6	9
Lesser Goldfinch										20					
"Black-backed" race											1				
American Goldfinch					1				40	30					
House Sparrow				4	7			1	35	90					
TOTAL SPECIES	23	45	49	43	36		34	43	98	140	40	41	27	25	24
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	121	321	202	276	107		98	304	2574	4244	139	156	109	106	95

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE 1: H = Heard only, N = Nesting, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male, n = nestling, * = banded

ADDITIONAL JULY 1990 REPORTS

American Wigeon 7/26 (1m) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano Co. (PH)N
Peregrine Falcon 7/19 (1) West side of Wolf Creek Pass, Mineral Co. (NE)N
Black-necked Stilt 7/26 (3) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (PH)N
Caspian Tern 7/6 (1) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. (SS)S; 7/16 (1a) Cherry Creek SRA (AS)N; 7/19 (1a) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (JR)N
Common Tern 7/19 (1a) Prewitt Reservoir (JR)N
Band-tailed Pigeon 7/8 (6) Stagecoach Road, El Paso Co. (JM)S
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 7/27 (1) Dodd Bridge SWA, Morgan Co. (JR)N; 7/27 (3) Brush SWA, Morgan Co. (JR)N
Flammulated Owl 7/5 (2) Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Gilpin Co. (AH,GH)N; 7/13 (1a2n) Golden Gate Canyon State Park (JM)S (AH,JT)N
Burrowing Owl 7/1 (1) Street sign at Chambers Ro. & Joplin Way, Arapahoe Co. (SS)N
Black Swift 7/15 (4) Hanging Lake, Garfield Co. (DM)N; 7/19 (10) West side of Wolf Creek Pass, Mineral Co. (NE)N
"Archilochus" (Ruby-throated?) Hummingbird 7/27 (1f) Dodd Bridge SWA, Morgan Co. (JR)S
Red-headed Woodpecker 7/29 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (SS)N
Ash-throated Flycatcher 7/21 (1) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. (SS)D
Pinyon Jay 7/25 (8) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano Co. (PH)N
Bendire's Thrasher 7/19 (2i) North of Del Norte, Saguache Co. (NE)N

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Lark Bunting 7/6 (1m) Kassler Atlas Block, Douglas Co. (JM)S
Fox Sparrow 7/15 (2) Gypsum BLM campground, Eagle Co. (DM)N
Bronzed Cowbird 7/15 (1) In Carter's yard, Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (SS)N

Abbreviations used above: D = Details provided, N = No details, S = Some details, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male; n = nestling

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colorado Bird Report Volunteers Needed
Anyone willing to man the Colorado Bird Report tape for occasional short-term stints should call Norm Erthal (424-6747) or Dick Schottler (278-8035).

Birdwatching Course
Hugh & Urling Kingery will again conduct a birdwatching course for the Denver Audubon Society this fall. The course (limited to 20 participants) will consist of two classes and six field trips. The first class will be held the evening of September 27 and the first of the Saturday field trips will be on September 29. Cost of the eight sessions will be $85. Call 757-8376 if interested.

Bird Feeding Class
The Denver Audubon Society will conduct a bird feeding class from 7 to 9 PM, Monday, September 24 at the Glendale Community Center, 999 S. Cherry St. Cost for the class is $12. Call 757-8376 for further information.

DAS Seed and Feeder Sale
The Denver Audubon Society seed and feeder sale will be held on September 23. Order forms can be obtained by calling 757-8376 evenings leaving your name and address on the tape. Orders must be received at the DAS office, 3000 S. Clayton St., Denver 80210, by September 4 for feeders and by September 15 for seed. Orders can be picked up at the Denver Design Center, 595 S. Broadway or can be delivered for a $10 charge.

ANNUAL FALL COUNT

The Annual Fall Count will be held on Sat. and Sun., Sept. 12 & 13. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Compiler: Carol Hack (777-7893). Leaders should send reports to Carol (1034 S. Steel St., Denver 80209) no later than Thursday, Sep. 20.

SEPTEMBER 8, Saturday.
LOWER BEAR CREEK. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 7:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center (on S. Sheridan just north of US 285).

WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:30 AM in southwest quadrant of Park & Ride on S. Wadsworth just south of US 285 or at 6:45 AM at the Waterton Bridge.

CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Joey & Brenda Kellner (985-0522). Meet at 6:30 AM at the Deer Creek (west) entrance of the park off of Colo. Hwy. 75.

SEPTEMBER 9, Sunday.
CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 6:30 AM at the west gate of the park near Cherry Creek High School.

BARR LAKE PERIPHERY. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 6:30 AM at Piccadilly Road and Bromley Lane.

BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (278-8035). Meet at 6:30 AM at entrance station of park. This is a strenuous all-day 10-mile hike around the lake.

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at north entrance of park at 6:30 AM. Up-and-down hiking all day (about 8 miles).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL Leader: Urling Kingery (333-0161). Register with leader (number of observers limited).

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SEPTEMBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

SEPTEMBER 1, Saturday. HIGHLINE CANAL & McLELLAN RESERVOIR AREA. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:30 AM south of Albertson's on the northwest corner of S. Broadway & County Line Rd. 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.

SEPTEMBER 1-3, Labor Day weekend. SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO. Leader: Dan Bridges. Meet on Saturday, Sep. 1 at Diamond Shamrock Station in Ordway (junction of Colo. Hwys. 71 & 96). Spend Saturday & Sunday nights in Cottonwood Canyon (primitive camping) or Springfield (motels or good private campground). Trip will visit: Saturday - Lake Meredith, Cheraw, John Martin Dam, Hasty, Nee-So-Pah and Nee-No-She Reservoirs; Sunday - Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Picnic Ground, Burchfield SWA, Bear Creek; Monday - below Two Buttes Dam, the bridge at Holly, Lamar Technical College. Bring food and water for lunches and snacks.

SEPTEMBER 8&9, Saturday and Sunday. ANNUAL FALL COUNT (see page 108).

SEPTEMBER 15, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH (near Fort Morgan). Leader: Joe Rigli (1-432-5200). Coordinator: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History or a 7:45 AM at Pepperpod Restaurant in Hudson on I-76. *

SEPTEMBER 16, Sunday. ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM south of Albertson's on the northwest corner of S. Broadway and County line Road. *

SEPTEMBER 22, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 7:15 AM south of West 38th Ave. on Vance Street (a block east of Wadsworth) east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 8:00 AM at Bureau of Standards parking lot in Boulder (west of Broadway and south of Baseline). *

SEPTEMBER 23, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 8:00 AM at Prospect Park Lake (W. 44th Ave. near Robb Street). 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.

SEPTEMBER 29, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History or at 8:00 AM at west gate of arsenal (72nd & Quebec). Limited to 8 birders. Reservations must be made with leader. *

SEPTEMBER 30, Sunday. ADAMS COUNTY RAMBLINGS. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 7:30 AM at Twin Lakes Park (72nd & Broadway). *

* Bring lunch.

Submitted by:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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Tuesday Birders
You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

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Editor's note to field trip leaders: Thanks to the many field trip leaders who have sent their trip reports in promptly. It has eased the crush at month's end. Apologies to those trip leaders to whom the editor has failed to send leader's instructions and report forms. In the future he will try to better anticipate when he will be off birding or otherwise unable to send those items off in timely fashion.

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AUGUST 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

AUGUST 4, Saturday (SJC)
Sedalia and Jackson Creek. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Irma Applegren; Rose Barber; Cathy, Chris, & Hilda Eichenberger; Betty & Stan Harwood; Alan & Dee Hay; Joe & Norma Kamby; Dave & Sheila Rhoades; Donna Rieckmann, Arnold Silverman, Virgil Williams. (Clear to cloudy; Wind, NW 3 MPH; 65-80F). 50 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (35 species, 196 individuals).

AUGUST 5, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek - Plains to Foothills. Leaders: Chuck Romeo & Virgil Williams. Observers: Joe & Norma Kamby; Roy Stahlgren, Rachel Warren. (Partly cloudy; Calm; 68F). 11 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5.5 hours birding. (40 species, 376 individuals).

AUGUST 11, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Dick Capra, Bill & Jan Carter, Joe TenBrink. (Sunny; Wind, S 0-5 MPH; 70-85F). 0 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (50 species, 1187 individuals).

AUGUST 11 & 12, Saturday & Sunday
North Park, Arapahoe NWR, and Colorado State Forest. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Joe & Norma Kamby, David & Sherrill Pantle, Shirley Spencer, Amy Young. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind to 10 MPH; 65-85F). 70 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 19 hours birding. (70 species, 1330 individuals plus several thousand unidentified ducks). [Trip report received to late to be included in Table 1].

AUGUST 18, Saturday (GEN)
Genesee Mountain and Stapleton Drive. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Irma Applegren, Marge Armitage, Rethre Bloodworth, Marilyn Clark, Nancy Decio, Brenda & Tony Eaden (Kentucky), Wendell Hoag, Ellie Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Diana Mullineaux, Betty & Harold Oliver, Ruth Prunty, Tim Schowalter, Anne Southcott, Joe TenBrink. (Mostly sunny with drizzle at noon; 65-75F). 28 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (30 species, 192 individuals).

AUGUST 19, Sunday (SUM)
Bergen Park to Summit Lake. Leader: W. W. Brockner. Observers: Sylvia Brockner, Nancy Decio, Brenda & Tony Eaden (Kentucky), Alan Hay, Charles Igleheart, Wendell Hoag, Carol Myers (California), Betty

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(Field Trip Summaries continued)

& Harold Oliver, L. H. Stahlgren, Rachel Warren. (Clear to cloudy with rain and hail; Wind, W 1-5 MPH; 41-60F). 57 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (27 species, 303 individuals).

AUGUST 25, Saturday (REY)
Reynolds Park. Leaders: Harold & Betty Oliver. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Lori Chappell, Marilyn Clark, Nancy Decio, Lois Foreman, Wendell Hoag, Hazel Kellogg, Donna Randolph, Don & Joe Shrode, Ruth Wheeler, Eleanor White, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, light from S; 55-85F). 42 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (24 species, 141 individuals).

AUGUST 26, Sunday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Prewitt Reservoir SRA via I-76; Jackson Reservoir SRA; "Pelecan Refuges"; Orchard; return to Denver via I-76. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Bill Brockner, Nancy Decio, Ferd & Jo Dirckx, Patty Echelmeyer, Norm Erthal, Terry Flageolle, Alan Hay, Joe Himmel, Wendell Hoag, Irv Jackson, Dieter Kamm, Joey Kellner, Randy Lentz, Arlene Raskin, Joe Roller, Ira Sanders, Dick Schottler, Tim Schowalter, Steve Stachowiak, Roy Stahlgren. (Partly cloudy to clear; Wind, SW 10 MPH; 60-95F). 241 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. 12.5 hours birding. (109 species, 4938 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

August 7. Kenosha Pass and west on Colorado Trail (KEN). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers. (15 species, 38 individuals).

August 14. Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GGC). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers. (31 species, 235 individuals).

August 21. Reynolds Park and proposed Two Forks Dam site (TFD). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers. (17 species, 95 individuals).

August 28. Silverthorne and Mesa Cortina Trail (SIL). Leaders: Ann Bonnell, Mary Jane & John Black. (33 species, 157 individuals).

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 165 avian species were reported on the eight scheduled DFO trips in August. The Tuesday Birders reported 8 species that were seen on no DFO trip. Another 26 species were turned in as "additional reports" making a grand total of 199 species of Colorado birds reported for August in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. That is two more than were reported in July and one less than were reported in August of 1989.

The 17 observers who enjoyed balmy weather on Ben Moore's trip to Sedalia and Jackson Creek (SJC) saw three species seen on no other trip and observed 30 Broad-tailed Hummingbirds.

Chuck Romeo and Virgil Williams filled in for Cal Wichern on the Bear Creek trip (BCK) and led 4 others on a cool day. They spotted a rare immature summer Hooded Merganser on a pond in Lakewood.

The six observers on Lee & Marilyn Rowe's trip to Barr Lake (BAR) came up with three species seen on no other trip including a Bald Eagle. They also saw a Red-headed Woodpecker.

Bob Spencer's weekend trip to North Park was a big success. Unfortunately the trip report was received too late to include on Table 1. The twelve species reported on the trip that were seen on no other trip were: Eared Grebe (32 adults and 70 immature), Blue-winged Teal, Redhead, Common Merganser, Osprey, Golden Eagle, American Avocet, Common Snipe, Common Poorwill (on a post in Walden), Red-naped Sapsucker, Dusky Flycatcher, and Sage Thrasher.

The 17 who were led by Patty Echelmeyer to Genesee Mountain and Stapleton Drive (GEN) on a cool Saturday enjoyed 3 species seen on no other trip. They also saw 18 Red Crossbills.

The 12 who followed Bill Brocker from Bergen Park to Summit Lake (SUM) endured rain and hail on a chilly day but also came up with 3 species not seen on other trips. These were Hammond's Flycatcher, American Pipit (115 of them), and Rosy Finch.

Harold and Betty Oliver and 13 followers must have been frustrated on their trip to Reynold's Park (REY) as they only came up with 24 species and 141 individuals for 7 hours of effort. They did see 30 Mountain Chickadees and 4 Virginia's Warblers.

Jack Reddall's August trip to northeastern Colorado (NEC) has gained a deserved following. This year he had 21 followers and they spotted 109 species and nearly 5000 individual birds during a long hot day. No less than 31 of those species were ones seen on no other trip. Among these were American Bittern, Pectoral Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Common Tern, Great-crested Flycatcher, Black-and-white Warbler, and Clay-colored Sparrow.

Among the 8 species observed by the Tuesday birders that were seen on no DFO trip were all three North American accipiters and a Peregrine Falcon.

Most noteworthy of the 26 species shown under "Additional August Reports" on page 117 are OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT, Little Blue Heron, Green-backed Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Sanderling, BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER, and Black-billed Cuckoo.

Much has been written lately about the decline in numbers and variety of migratory birds. Certainly the migrating shorebirds were down in numbers and species in Colorado this August. Only 16 species of sandpiper are reported in this issue of the *Lark Bunting* compared to an average of 22 species in the previous five Augusts and a high of 27 species in 1987.

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Editor's note regarding "Additional Reports": All readers are encouraged to submit unusual sightings. There is, of course, no guarantee that they will be published but publication is fairly certain if the species reported was not seen on any of the regular trips. See page 117 for instructions on submitting your sightings. And, please, include the county in which your observation was made. In many cases the editor knows or can quickly figure it out, but not always.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on August Field Trips

	Scheduled DFO Trips							Tuesday Birders			
DATE	4	5	11	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	28
AREA COVERED	SJC	BCK	BAR	GEN	SUM	REY	NEC	KEN	GGC	TFD	SIL
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PF	PF	P	M	M	M	P	M	M	M	M
Pied-billed Grebe		1					4				
Western Grebe		1	18				1				
Clark's Grebe			3								
American White Pelican			87				600				
Double-crested Cormorant		6	23				15				
American Bittern							1				
Great Blue Heron		6	24				30				
Great Egret			2				1				
Snowy Egret							1				
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1				1a				
Black Swan (escapee)			2e								
Canada Goose		10	354				6				
Wood Duck			1m				5				
Green-winged Teal							120				
Mallard		47	180		6		60		13		
Northern Pintail							3				
"Blue-winged" Teal species							50				
Teal species			5								
Northern Shoveler							2				
Gadwall			3								
American Wigeon							1				
Lesser Scaup							1m				
Hooded Merganser		1i									
Ruddy Duck							4				
Turkey Vulture	9					5		1			
Bald Eagle			1								
Northern Harrier							1				
Sharp-shinned Hawk											1
Cooper's Hawk											1
Northern Goshawk									2		
"Accipiter" species										1	
Swainson's Hawk	1		1				17				
Red-tailed Hawk	1			1						1	2
western races		2			3	1	2				
American Kestrel	3	2	1				14				1
Peregrine Falcon											1
Ring-necked Pheasant							1m				
Northern Bobwhite							6				
Virginia Rail							1H				
American Coot			38				8				7
Semipalmated Plover							4				
Killdeer		3	44				260				
Greater Yellowlegs							6				
Lesser Yeallowlegs			4				150				
Solitary Sandpiper							1				
Spotted Sandpiper			2				2				
Semipalmated Sandpiper			4				3				
Western Sandpiper			1				10				
Least Sandpiper			3				350				
Baird's Sandpiper			15				600				
Pectoral Sandpiper							4				
Stilt Sandpiper							20				
Long-billed Dowitcher							3				
Wilson's Phalarope							14				
Red-necked Phalarope							8				
Franklin's Gull							3				
Ring-billed Gull		5	62				150				
California Gull		2	16				15				
Common Tern							1				
Forster's Tern							50				

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AREA COVERED	SJC	BCK	BAR	GEN	SUM	REY	NEC	KEN	GGC	TFD	SIL
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PF	PF	P	M	M	M	P	M	M	M	M
Black Tern							60				
Rock Dove				8			55				
Mourning Dove	5	9	33				165		2		
Great-horned Owl			1				1a				
Burrowing Owl							1				
Common Nighthawk							2				
Chimney Swift							2				
White-throated Swift				6							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	30		1	16	2	3		3	6	4	1
Rufous Hummingbird				1							
Belted Kingfisher		2					2				
Red-headed Woodpecker			1				17				
Williamson's Sapsucker				3							
Downy Woodpecker	1		4							1	
eastern races							2				
Hairy Woodpecker						1			4		
eastern races							1				
Northern Flicker							15				
"Red-shafted" race	3	7	11	1					1		
Olive-sided Flycatcher							2		2		1
Western Wood-Pewee	1	9	5	2		1	15	1	2	1	2
Willow Flycatcher							1				
Least Flycatcher							1				
Hammond's Flycatcher					1						
Cordilleran Flycatcher							1				2
"Empidonax" species							2				
Great-crested Flycatcher			1				1				
Western Kingbird	2	1	10				140				
Eastern Kingbird		1	32				45				
Horned Lark					1		2				
Tree Swallow			2		2						
Violet-green Swallow	1	12		40	10	2			26		12
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	1		1				1				
Bank Swallow							2				
Cliff Swallow	3	1					10				
Barn Swallow	1	14	22		6	25	220		19		6
Gray Jay					1						3
Steller's Jay					1	2		1	3	4	4
Blue Jay							15				
Scrub Jay	3										
Clark's Nutcracker				1	2	1					
Black-billed Magpie	2	9	7		1		6		4		
American Crow	1			6	10		16	1		3	
Common Raven	4			2	110	4		5	3		
Black-capped Chickadee	4	7	6	1		3	13			28	4
Mountain Chickadee				8	4	30		14	12	6	8
Red-breasted Nuthatch				6	1				1	2	
White-breasted Nuthatch				2		4	1		3	2	
Pygmy Nuthatch				3	4	12					
Brown Creeper				1				1			3
House Wren	3	1	5				18		1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet											4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2										
Western Bluebird				18							
Mountain Bluebird					1				75		12
Townsend's Solitaire				1							
Hermit Thrush								1			
American Robin	33	21	19	4		8	40	1	7	2	2
Brown Thrasher							4				
American Pipit					115						

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LIFE ZONES VISITED	PF	PF	P	M	M	M	P	M	M	M	M
Cedar Waxwing	3										
Loggerhead Shrike							5				
European Starling	52	70	16		4		500		3		3
Solitary Vireo											2
"Plumbeous" race							1				
Orange-crowned Warbler										2	
Virginia's Warbler						4				7	1
Yellow Warbler	1	6	6				20				4
Yellow-rumped Warbler				2				1		12	
"Myrtle" race											3
"Audubon's" race					4	2					
Townsend's Warbler							2m				1
Black-and-white Warbler							1m				
American Redstart							1f				
MacGillivray's Warbler										3	1
Common Yellowthroat							3				
Wilson's Warbler							25	1			1
Yellow-breasted Chat							1				
Western Tanager				1					2		
Black-headed Grosbeak	5						3				
Blue Grosbeak			1				3f		3		
Lazuli Bunting	1	1					1f				
Indigo Bunting	3	3									
Green-tailed Towhee				4	1	3					
Rufous-sided Towhee	2								3		
"Spotted" races		1									
Chipping Sparrow				10		8	150				
Clay-colored Sparrow							10				
"Spizella" species							400				
Vesper Sparrow						2	1				
Lark Sparrow							25				
Lark Bunting							2				
Savannah Sparrow							1				
Song Sparrow		3									
Lincoln's Sparrow									2		
White-crowned Sparrow					1						
Dark-eyed Junco											
"Gray-headed" race					2	3		5	1		6
Red-winged Blackbird	1	8	6				200	1	4		50
Western Meadowlark		3	1				20		3		
Yellow-headed Blackbird							1				
Brewer's Blackbird		12			4						
Common Grackle		3					2				6
Brown-headed Cowbird	1						12	1			
Orchard Oriole							3				
Northern Oriole		1f									
"Bullock's" race			3				5				
Rosy Finch											
"Brown-capped" race					4Y						
Cassin's Finch				2		5					
House Finch	1	21	2	2			6		2		
Red Crossbill				18							1
Pine Siskin	8			20		8			21	16	1
Lesser Goldfinch	3	1									
American Goldfinch	1	8				4	20		3		
Evening Grosbeak				2							
House Sparrow		55	98		2		25		2		
TOTAL SPECIES	35	40	50	30	27	24	109	15	31	17	33
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	196	376	1187	192	303	141	4938	38	235	95	157

Abbreviations used in Table 1: H=Heard only, Y=feeding Young, a=adult, e=escapee (not included in totals), f=female, m=male

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1990 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips.
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, & 1989) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location (please **do not** fail to include the **county** of occurrence). Refer to the supplement of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 24, Number 11 (August 1989), for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Olivaceous Cormorant 8/21 (1i) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (DB)R
Little Blue Heron 8/4 (1i) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan Co. (RG)S
Cattle Egret 8/9 (15) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (PH)N
Green-backed Heron 8/3 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (RG)N
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 8/8 (1i) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan Co. (NE)N
White-faced Ibis 8/25 (2) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JT)N
Blue Grouse 8/10 (1) Near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH)N
Wild Turkey 8/24 (9) 5 mi. W of Glade Park, Mesa Co. (RG)N
Mountain Plover 8/25 (100) NeeSoPah Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB)N
Upland Sandpiper 8/7 (1) County Road 38 east of Road 39, Weld Co. (JT)N
Sanderling 8/4 (7) 7 mi. NE of Briggsdale, Weld Co. (RG)N; 8/26 (2i) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (BR)N
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 8/25 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (BA)S
Band-tailed Pigeon 8/6 (10) Burland Ranchettes, Park Co. (AH,DH,FK)N
Black-billed Cuckoo 8/7 (1) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (NE)N
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 8/3 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan Co. (RG)N; 8/29 (1) Muir Springs (JR)N
Black Swift 8/4 (2) Near Eldora, Boulder Co. (RS)N
Black-chinned Hummingbird 8/25 (1m) Willow Springs Ranch, Jefferson Co. (RW)N
Calliope Hummingbird 8/7 (1m) Deer Creek Valley Ranchos, Park Co. (AH,DG)N; 8/12 (2f) Willow Springs Ranch, Jefferson Co. (RW,PH)N
Gray Catbird 8/28 (1) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson County (PH)N
Black-throated Gray Warbler 8/22 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (JT)N
Blackpoll Warbler 8/19 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (JT)N
Northern Waterthrush 8/15 (1) Rio Blanco Reservoir, Rio Blanco Co. (NE)N
Brewer's Sparrow 8/21 (2) Boulder County Open Space east of Superior (JM,JT)N
Grasshopper Sparrow 8/4 (1i) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (RG)N
Fox Sparrow 8/4 (1) Near Eldora, Boulder Co. (RS)N
McCown's Longspur 8/18 (1) Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld Co. (RS,WF)N

Abbreviations used above: N = No details, R = Rare-bird report submitted, S = Some details, f = female, i = immature, m = male

CONTRIBUTORS: AH = Alan Hay, BA = Bob Andrews, BR = Bob Righter, DB = Dan Bridges, DG = Dan & Carole George, DH = Dee Hay, FK = Freda Krolik, JM = Jean Maguire, JR = Jack Reddall, JT = Joe TenBrink, NE = Norm Erthal, PH = Phil Hayes, RG = Robert & Nancy Gustafson, RS = Robert Spencer, RW = Ronda Woodward, WF = Warren Finch

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CONTRIBUTION TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT

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OCTOBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS

All field trip participants are urged to carpool whenever possible to help conserve energy and reduce air pollution. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled field trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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OCTOBER 6, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA.* Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 7:30 AM at the west gate of the SRA (east of Cherry Creek High School, 9300 E. Union). BL

OCTOBER 7, Sunday. BEAR CREEK - PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on S. Sheridan north of US 285 (Hampden). BL

OCTOBER 13, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK.* Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. BL

OCTOBER 14, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA.* Leader: Anne Southcott (979-1669). Meet at 8:00 AM at the Park & Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth south of US 285 (Hampden). BL

OCTOBER 20, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK, & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK.* Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 8:00 AM south of Albertson's on northwest corner of S. Broadway & County Line Road. BL

OCTOBER 20 & 21, Saturday & Sunday. MONTE VISTA NWR FOR CRANES. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:00 AM at Park & Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth south of US 285 (Hampden) for carpooling and birding en route. Register with leader. BL

OCT 20, Sat. WILDLIFE REFUGE & CRANE TOUR. Guide: Anne Morkill (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service). Meet at 2:30 PM at Refuge Headquarters (five mile south of Monte Vista on County Road 15). Spend night at Best Western Manor Motor Inn (719-852-5921) west of town on US 160.

OCT 21, Sun. HOME LAKE, ALAMOSA NWR, LATHROP STATE PARK.* BL

OCTOBER 27, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ed Holub (989-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History or at 8:00 AM at west gate of arsenal on Quebec St. at 72nd Ave. Limited to 8 birders. Register with leader. BL

OCTOBER 28, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Alex Cruz (1-776-8989). Carpool at 7:30 AM MST east of Wheat Ridge Methodist Church parking lot on Vance St. (one block east of Wadsworth) south of W. 38th Ave. Meet at 8:15 AM at at north side of Bureau of Standards, 325 S. Broadway. (From US 36 take Baseline exit, turn left, go to first traffic light and turn left again onto S. Broadway). BL

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* A pass or daily fee is required for each vehicle entering a State Park or SRA.

BL Bring lunch.

Submitted by:
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

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Tuesday Birders

You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

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CFO TRIP

October 6, Saturday

Mark Janos will conduct a Field Trip to Southeastern Colorado. Call Mark (1-719-384-8672) for more info.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: *The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.*

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FIELD TRIPS: *These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.*

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SEPTEMBER 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

SEP 1, Saturday (HCM)
Highline Canal and McLellan Reservoir. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Joe & Marty Dolan, Brenda & Tony Eaden, Betty & Stan Harwood, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Betty & Harold Oliver, Mary Washburne, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, W 0-5 MPH; 63-88F). 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4.5 hours birding. (32 species, 280 individuals).

SEP 1-3, Saturday-Monday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado: Lake Meredith, Sugar City, Cheraw, John Martin marsh, Hasty Campground, Jet Reservoir, Nee-NoShe Reservoir, Cottonwood Canyon, Burchfield SWA, Bear Creek, below Two Buttes Dam, Holly Bridge, Lamar. Leader: Dan Bridges. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Nancy Decio, Alan & Dee Hay, Wendell Hoag, Mark Janos, Bob & Jeanne Jickling, Donna Rieckmann, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Mary Jane Schock. (Sunny; Wind, SW 0-20 MPH, 55-95F). 452 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 29 hours birding. (111 species, 6460 individuals).

SEP 15, Saturday (RIG)
Hudson to Rigli Ranch. Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Nancy Decio, Ferd & Jo Dircky, Jean & Jim Fredlund, Wendell Hoag, Ed & Linda Holub, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Arlene Raskin, Donna Rieckmann, Carolyn & Mart Rust, Mort Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm in AM, NE to 20 MPH in PM; 60-90F). 74 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (63 species, 1224 individuals).

SEP 16, Sunday (ROX)
Roxborough State Park. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Lea Ann Bailey, Bob Brown, Bob & Michele Currie, Ruth Davis, Nancy Decio, Wendell Hoag, Marjorie Roberts, Cheryl Scott, Alien Tegut, Rebecca Vucetich, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, NW 0-3 MPH). 4 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (27 species, 243 individuals).

SEP 22, Saturday (BDR)
Boulder area: Baseline Reservoir, South Boulder Creek, AAA Pond, Walden Pond. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Marilynn Clark, Nancy Decio, Jean & Jim Fredlund, Wendell Hoag, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Donna Rieckmann, Anne Southcott, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-3 MPH; 45-66F). 24 miles by car, 0.5 mile on foot. 6 hours birding. (55 species, 1680 individuals).

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(Field Trip Summaries continued)

SEP 23, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Lee Ann Bailey, Bill Brockner, Bob Brown, Marta Deutman, Ginny and Tom Faxton, Irv Jackson, Tim Kuesel, Scott Menough, Arlene Raskin, Joe TenBrink, Virgil Williams. (Clear; 40-70F). 0.25 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 3.5 hours birding. (34 species, 389 individuals).

SEP 29, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leaders: Ed Holub & Donna Rieckmann. Observers: Nancy Decio, Jerry Franklin, Wendell Hoag, Roy Stahlgren, Virgil Williams. (Overcast with drizzle in AM, cloudy in PM; Wind, E 0-3 MPH; 44-54F). 31 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (55 species, 2664 individuals).

SEP 30, Sunday
Adams County Ramblings. (No report received).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

Sep 4. Chatfield SRA (CHT). Leader: Else Van Erp. 16 observers. (32 species, 363 individuals)..

Sep 11. Hudson to Jackson Reservoir (HJR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 17 observers. (53 species, 928 individuals).

Sep 18. Platte Canyon Reservoir & Waterton Canyon (PCR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers. (25 species, 206 individuals).

Sep 25. Los Lagos/Nederland (LLN). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 21 observers. (22 species, 50 individuals).

1990 FALL COUNT
Coordinator: Hugh Kingery
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September 8, Saturday:
LOWER BEAR CREEK INCLUDING MARSTON RESERVOIR (LBC). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, Ruth Breckon, Barbara Bridges, Bill Brockner, Mary Kraetz (Florida), Bob Spencer. (Sunny to partly sunny; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 56-88F). 37 miles by car, 6+ miles on

foot. 8 hours. (51 species, 3582 individuals).

CHATFIELD SRA (CHA). Leader: Brenda & Joey Kellner. Observers: Bill Carter, Jan Carter, Scott Fitzmorris, David Gulbenkian, Glenn Hageman, Ed Holub, Liane Pomfret, Matt Pomfret, Chris Wood. (Clear in AM turning mostly cloudy in PM; Wind, N 1-10 MPH; 53-86F). 24 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 11 hours. (69 species, 810 individuals).

WATERTON (WAT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Debbie Caudill, Doris Cruze, Bob Currie, Nancy Decio, Betty & Stan Harwood, Wendell Hoag, Alberta Nelson, Dick Pratt, Arlene & Jerry Raskin, Cheryl Scott, Ronda Woodward, Scott Yarberry. (Clear). 4 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7 hours. (60 species, 456 individuals).

September 9, Sunday:

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA (CCR). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: None. (Sunny with scattered clouds). 4.5 miles by car, 3.2 miles on foot. 7.25 hours. (32 species, 615 individuals).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL (RMA). Leader: Urling Kingery. Observers: Ruth Davis, Jane Griess, Jackie King, Hugh Kingery, Larry Malone. (Clear; Calm). 40 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours. (71 species, 1717 individuals).

BARR LAKE STATE PARK (BAR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Nancy Decio, Warren Finch, Wendell Hoag, Dick Pratt, Stephen Saunders, Bob Spencer. (Mostly clear; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 55-85F). 7 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 8.5 hours. (69 species, 2694 individuals).

BARR LAKE PERIPHERY (Mile High Duck Club, Banner Lakes, Prospect Reservoir, Ireland Reservoir, Adams County Fairgrounds) (PER). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Alan Hay, Irv Jackson, Jean Maguire, Jack Reddall, Bob Righter, Joe TenBrink. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW 5-10 MPH; 53-86F). 70 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9.5 hours. (81 species, 49253 individuals).

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK (CAS). Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: None. (Sunny in AM, mostly cloudy with shower in PM; Wind, 0-7 MPH; 50-85F). 16 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. 10.5 hours. (53 species, 571 individuals).

INDEPENDENT TRIP

SEP 9, Sunday (ROX)

ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK. Leader: Doris Cruze. Observers: Tim Brater, Jim Johnson, Alex Kemp, Scott Menough. (Cloudy; Windy; 60-75F). 2.5 hours birding. (23 species, 137 individuals).

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 155 avian species were reported on seven scheduled DFO trips in September (Table 1). No report was received on one trip. The Annual Fall Count came up with 156 species (Table 2). The scheduled trips combined with the Fall Count had 198 species. One independent trip conducted during the Fall Count had two species not recorded on DFO trips or the Fall Count (Table 2). The Tuesday Birders (Table 1) had 3 species not seen on any of the above trips. Another 21 species not seen on any of the trips are shown under "Additional September 1990 Reports" (page 10). Thus, a grand total of 224 Colorado birds are reported for September in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. These figures are all below those of 1989 when 172 species were reported on seven DFO trips and 172 on the Fall Count for a total of 217. The grand total last year was 252 including 15 from the Colorado Bird Report (not reported this year).

Dan Bridges' Labor Day weekend trip to southeastern Colorado (SEC), as usual, was September's big trip. This year they came up with 30 species seen on no other trip. Besides the expectable southeast Colorado specialties they saw a Merlin, 425 Mountain Plover, Short-billed Dowitcher, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Northern Waterthrush. Dan was disappointed not to have seen more fall warblers.

A dozen people who preferred staying in town for the Labor Day weekend followed Ruth Breckon on a half-day trip to the Highline Canal and McLellan Reservoir (HCM). They saw Wood Ducks and a Swainson's Thrush.

The folks that went to Joe Rigli's ranch (RIG) had a Great Egret, 15

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TABLE 1: Birds Reported on September DFO & Tuesday Birder Field Trips

	DFO Trips							Tuesday Birders				
DATE	1	1-3	15	16	22	23	29	4	11	18	25	DATE
AREA COVERED	HCM	SEC	RIG	ROX	BDR	WGB	RMA	CHT	HJR	PCR	LLN	AREA COVERED
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	F	M	LIFE ZONES VISITED
Pied-billed Grebe	1		2		11	4	9		1	1		Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe					2							Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe		8			7		2					Eared Grebe
Western Grebe			3		14			1	16			Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe		300										Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican		350	20		4				88			American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	13	60	20	2	42	1		30	15	2		Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	2	25	21		6		2	8	14			Great Blue Heron
Great Egret			1									Great Egret
Snowy Egret		3	2						1			Snowy Egret
Green-backed Heron		1			1i							Green-backed Heron
Canada Goose					75	88	150	100		50		Canada Goose
Wood Duck	2											Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal		100	10		9		7	12			1	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	5	100	12		14	100	150	10	7	2	3	Mallard
Northern Pintail		15	10		5		3		1			Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal			10		45		60					Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal			1		6				14			Cinnamon Teal
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.		5										"Blue-winged" Teal sp.
Northern Shoveler		300	8		7		1	1				Northern Shoveler
Gadwall			50		65	22	60				1	Gadwall
American Wigeon					350	22	65					American Wigeon
Canvasback		1										Canvasback
Redhead			3		1	1						Redhead
Ring-necked Duck					1		3					Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup						1	2					Lesser Scaup
Common Merganser					4			10				Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck			6		6		4		12			Ruddy Duck
Duck species		500										Duck species
Turkey Vulture	3	25			2				3			Turkey Vulture
Mississippi Kite		7										Mississippi Kite
Northern Harrier		8	3				1		1			Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2		1	1	1	1				Sharp-shinned Hawk
Swainson's Hawk		25	12						3			Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk	1	4		1	1				1		1	Red-tailed Hawk
western races			3				12					western races
Ferruginous Hawk		1					8					Ferruginous Hawk
American Kestrel	5	7	6	2	2		8		6	1	1	American Kestrel
Merlin		1										Merlin
Prairie Falcon		1										Prairie Falcon
"Falco" species											1	"Falco" species
Ring-necked Pheasant		1a7i	2				1		2			Ring-necked Pheasant
Wild Turkey		3H										Wild Turkey
Northern Bobwhite		12										Northern Bobwhite
Virginia Rail		3H										Virginia Rail
American Coot		2	20		300	4	60		25			American Coot
Killdeer	2	40	55		14		30	35	34			Killdeer
Mountain Plover		425										Mountain Plover
Black-necked Stilt		10										Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet		75							3			American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs		3	18		3				2			Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs		850	3				4		15			Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper			1									Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper		2				2						Spotted Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew		3										Long-billed Curlew
Marbled Godwit									1			Marbled Godwit
Semipalmated Sandpiper		5							1			Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper		150							1			Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper		20							3			Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper		275						2	67			Baird's Sandpiper

TABLE 1: (continued)

	DFO Trips							Tuesday Birders				
DATE	1	1-3	15	16	22	23	29	4	11	18	25	DATE
AREA COVERED	HCM	SEC	RIG	ROX	BDR	WGB	RMA	CHT	HJR	PCR	LLN	AREA COVERED
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	F	M	LIFE ZONES VISITED
Pectoral Sandpiper		5										Pectoral Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper		10										Stilt Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher		3										Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher		100					1		4			Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe	1				2							Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope		250	12									Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull		150			55							Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	22	10	60		75	8	15	50	121	2		Ring-billed Gull
California Gull									2	2		California Gull
Sabine's Gull					1i							Sabine's Gull
Gull species		300										Gull species
Forster's Tern		10										Forster's Tern
Black Tern		4										Black Tern
Rock Dove	13	30		7	20	5	85		3	6		Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	27	80	15	1	2	1	25	6	3			Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		3										Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Barn Owl		1										Barn Owl
Western Screech-Owl		1+4H										Western Screech-Owl
Great-horned Owl		4	3				1					Great-horned Owl
Burrowing Owl		7					1	2				Burrowing Owl
Common Nighthawk		2										Common Nighthawk
Common Poorwill		3H										Common Poorwill
Chimney Swift		9										Chimney Swift
Belted Kingfisher			1		3	1	3		1	3		Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker		25										Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-headed Woodpecker		3										Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1										Red-bellied Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker				1							1	Red-naped Sapsucker
Ladder-backed Woodpeck		1										Ladder-backed Woodpeck
Downy Woodpecker				1			1			1	1	Downy Woodpecker
eastern races			1									eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker							1				1	Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker												Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	7	5		3	4	4	15	2	1	3	1	"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher		3						1				Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee	1	7	1	1				1	2			Western Wood-Pewee
Least Flycatcher		6										Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe		2										Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe		1	1									Say's Phoebe
Great-crested Flycatcher		1										Great-crested Flycatcher
Cassin's Kingbird		1										Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird	2	50	2					1	2			Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird		1	4	1					4			Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark		250	25						3			Horned Lark
Cliff Swallow		15	25	3				18				Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	19	75	120		120	2	9	1	365	45		Barn Swallow
Steller's Jay											5	Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	1	7		2	6	2			8	1		Blue Jay
Scrub Jay		6		35						3		Scrub Jay
Pinyon Jay		2H										Pinyon Jay
Black-billed Magpie	23	5	1	45	5	8	55	22	2	2	1	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	2	15			2	6	1			23	1	American Crow
Chihuahuan Raven		6										Chihuahuan Raven
Common Raven				2							2	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	5	1		1	9	10	2	8	4	12		Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee											6	Mountain Chickadee
Plain Titmouse		1H										Plain Titmouse
Bushtit		3H										Bushtit
White-breasted Nuthatch											2	White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch											3	Pygmy Nuthatch

TABLE 1: (continued)

	DFO Trips							Tuesday Birders				
DATE	1	1-3	15	16	22	23	29	4	11	18	25	DATE
AREA COVERED	HCM	SEC	RIG	ROX	BDR	WGB	RMA	CHT	HJR	PCR	LLN	AREA COVERED
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P	F	M	LIFE ZONES VISITED
Rock Wren		4					2					Rock Wren
Canyon Wren		4		1						1		Canyon Wren
Bewick's Wren		3										Bewick's Wren
House Wren		8	1					3		1		House Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1	2				1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mountain Bluebird											5	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire			1	1								Townsend's Solitaire
Swainson's Thrush	1	1										Swainson's Thrush
American Robin	55	8	1	60	6	15	25	1			5	American Robin
Gray Catbird	1H			1								Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird		2i										Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher	1		1				1					Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher		5										Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing					45					2		Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike		4										Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	37	25	60	25	100	25	1300	20	6			European Starling
Solitary Vireo	1											Solitary Vireo
Warbling Vireo	1											Warbling Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler					5	18						Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow Warbler									1			Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler											1	Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Audubon's" race			2		2	4	35					"Audubon's" race
Northern Waterthrush		1										Northern Waterthrush
Common Yellowthroat		1			3			1	1			Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler		15	8		4			1				Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat								1H				Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager				3								Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak								1				Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak		2i										Blue Grosbeak
Rufous-sided Towhee				35						4		Rufous-sided Towhee
Canyon Towhee		5										Canyon Towhee
Chipping Sparrow		12					5	6		2		Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow		15										Clay-colored Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow			15									Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow		2	50				15		2			Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow		10	7						4			Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting		1000	20	1					3			Lark Bunting
Song Sparrow			4						1			Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow			6		1		1					Lincoln's Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow						1						White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow						7	8					White-crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race			2									"Gambel's" race
Dark-eyed Junco												Dark-eyed Junco
"Gray-headed" race											4	"Gray-headed" race
McCown's Longspur			12									McCown's Longspur
Red-winged Blackbird	12	50	150		35	4	100		7			Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark		40	55	1	4		60	1	4			Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird		3	200						1			Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird						4	120					Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle		1		5	140	6	5					Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird			2				2					Brown-headed Cowbird
Northern Oriole		1i										Northern Oriole
House Finch	8				18	5	65	6		7		House Finch
Lesser Goldfinch	1	3	1							15		Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch	5	3	1	2	6	1	30		13	15		American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak											2	Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow		20	50		9	5	30		23			House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	32	111	63	27	55	34	55	32	53	25	22	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	280	6460	1224	243	1680	389	2664	363	928	206	50	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Abbreviations used in Table 1: H=Heard only, a=adult, i=immature

TABLE 2: Birds Reported on 1990 Fall Count and Independent Trip

	Annual Fall Count									Indep.	
SEPTEMBER	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	FALL	9	SEPTEMBER
AREA COVERED	LBC	CHA	WAT	CCR	RMA	BAR	PER	CAS	COUNT	ROX	AREA COVERED
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	PF	P	P	P	P	F	TOTAL	F	LIFE ZONES VISITED
Pied-billed Grebe	12	1			42		45	1	101		Pied-billed Grebe
Western Grebe						47	30		77		Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe							1		1		Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican						112	90		202		American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	42	160	6	84	32	15	200		539		Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	5	8	2		10	9	30		64		Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret							4		4		Snowy Egret
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1				1				2		Black-crowned Night-Heron
Canada Goose	18	58	18	60	12	420	4		590		Canada Goose
Wood Duck	1		13				1		15		Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	15	6		45	20	8	500		594		Green-winged Teal
Mallard	88	15	5	22	184	350	4200		4864		Mallard
Northern Pintail		1			12	16	510		539		Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal					4		250		254		Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal							3		3		Cinnamon Teal
"Blue-winged" Teal species		4			16	12			32		"Blue-winged" Teal species
Northern Shoveler			4	2		10	600		616		Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	165	1		32	4	8	250		460		Gadwall
American Wigeon	311		4	1	49	4	35		404		American Wigeon
Canvasback							1		1		Canvasback
Redhead	251				7		8		266		Redhead
Ring-necked Duck							1		1		Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup							1		1		Lesser Scaup
Common Merganser	8	35	2	1					46		Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck	9				3	20	10		42		Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture	1			1	1			25	28	1	Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle						2			2		Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier					2	1			3		Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1					1	2		Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk			1						1	1	Cooper's Hawk
Swainson's Hawk	3	2		1	13	2	240	1	262		Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk											Red-tailed Hawk
western races	4	2	4		17	1		1	29		western races
"Krider's" race					2				2		"Krider's" race
Ferruginous Hawk			2				1		3		Ferruginous Hawk
Buteo species					1				1		Buteo species
Golden Eagle			1		2				3	1	Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	7	1	4		11	2	12	6	43		American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon	1							1	2		Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant			1			8			9		Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail		2							2		Virginia Rail
Sora					1				1		Sora
American Coot	1118	1		50	7	21	225		1422		American Coot
Sandhill Crane						1			1		Sandhill Crane
Semipalmated Plover		2							2		Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer	22	75		13	77	170	110	1	468		Killdeer
Greater Yellowlegs							14		14		Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs					12	46	55		113		Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper						5	8		13		Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper	1	4			1				6		Spotted Sandpiper
Sanderling						7			7		Sanderling
Western Sandpiper		1		1		4			6		Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper						2	3		5		Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper		2		1		175	3		181		Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper						2			2		Pectoral Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper						18	8		26		Stilt Sandpiper
Sandpiper species					2				2		Sandpiper species
Common Snipe							25		25		Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope					1	1	7		9		Wilson's Phalarope

TABLE 2: (continued)

SEPTEMBER AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Annual Fall Count 8 LBC P	8 CHA P	8 WAT PF	9 CCR P	9 RMA P	9 BAR P	9 PER P	9 CAS F	FALL COUNT TOTAL	Indep. 9 ROX F	SEPTEMBER AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED
Red-necked Phalarope						5	1		6		Red-necked Phalarope
Franklin's Gull	500					24	5		529		Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	269	26	2	84	5	500	250		1136		Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	2	17	4	20		4	150		197		California Gull
Gull species	108								108		Gull species
Rock Dove	5	10	31	8	39	12	15		120	12	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	24	12	16	4	59	64	15	28	222	4	Mourning Dove
Barn Owl						1			1		Barn Owl
Eastern Screech-Owl		1							1		Eastern Screech-Owl
Great-horned Owl		2	2		5		1	2	12		Great-horned Owl
Burrowing Owl		2			11		1		14		Burrowing Owl
White-throated Swift										10	White-throated Swift
Broad-tailed Hummingbird										1	Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	2	5	2		1		3	1	14		Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker								2	2		Lewis' Woodpecker
Williamson's Sapsucker								1	1		Williamson's Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker						6			6		Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race	3								3		"Batchelder's" race
eastern races		7	4		6		2	5	24		eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker			1						1		Hairy Woodpecker
"Rocky Mountain" race		1							1		"Rocky Mountain" race
eastern races		1			1				2		eastern races
Northern Flicker											Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	25	10	9	3	3	13	1	10	74	1	"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1		1		1		3		Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee	1	2	1		3	1	3	9	20	1	Western Wood-Pewee
Hammond's Flycatcher					1				1		Hammond's Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher								1	1		Cordilleran Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe		1							1		Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe		1			3		1		5		Say's Phoebe
Western Kingbird	3	7	8		3	1	8		30		Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird					1	1			2		Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark							10		10		Horned Lark
Tree Swallow		1			1				2		Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow										12	Violet-green Swallow
Bank Swallow							5		5		Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow	3						10		13		Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	38	9	54	1	196	120	750		1168		Barn Swallow
Steller's Jay								7	7		Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	16			2	2				20		Blue Jay
Scrub Jay			3					15	18	13	Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie	48	38	1	41	62	28	15	15	248	5	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	2		25					20	47	2	American Crow
Common Raven			2					2	4		Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	20	53	22	14	17	34	1	8	169	15	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee								10	10		Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch								2	2		Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch		1						15	16		White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch								4	4		Pygmy Nuthatch
Rock Wren		1				1		7	9		Rock Wren
Canyon Wren								8	8		Canyon Wren
House Wren	1	23	7		5	8		9	53		House Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1			1		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1						1	2	8	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Western Bluebird								12	12		Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird								14	14		Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire								3	3		Townsend's Solitaire
Hermit Thrush					1				1		Hermit Thrush
American Robin	21	28	31		17	3	12	26	138	3	American Robin

TABLE 2: (continued)

SEPTEMBER AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	8 LBC P	8 CHA P	8 WAT PF	9 CCR P	9 RMA P	9 BAR P	9 PER P	9 CAS F	Annual Fall Count FALL COUNT TOTAL	Indep. 9 ROX F	SEPTEMBER AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED
Gray Catbird		1							1		Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird							1		1		Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher			2		12			1	15		Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher					2		4		6		Brown Thrasher
American Pipit						1			1		American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing		6	5				1		12		Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike					2				2		Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	93	14	7	25	199	200	25500		26038	3	European Starling
Solitary Vireo "Plumbeous" race			3					2	5		Solitary Vireo "Plumbeous" race
Warbling Vireo		2	1		3	1		1	8		Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo								1	1		Red-eyed Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler					1	5	1		7		Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler		7	2			2		3	14		Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler		1				1			2		Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race								5	5		Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race
Townsend's Warbler						2		2	4		Townsend's Warbler
American Redstart		4							4		American Redstart
Ovenbird			1						1		Ovenbird
MacGillivray's Warbler						1			1		MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat		2		11	7	1	16	1	38		Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler		21	2		5	35	7		70	1	Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat			1						1		Yellow-breasted Chat
Scarlet Tanager			1						1		Scarlet Tanager
Western Tanager		6	4		1		1	2	14		Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak			4						4		Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting		12	8			1			21		Lazuli Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee			1	1					2		Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee "Spotted" races		9	8					10	27	12	Rufous-sided Towhee "Spotted" races
Chipping Sparrow	1	3	19		12	28	12	65	140	6	Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow						2			2		Clay-colored Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow					3				3		Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow	32	4	41	3	21		65	57	223	4	Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow		5			4	1	4		14		Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting					3		2		5		Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow	2	3					3		8		Savannah Sparrow
Baird's Sparrow		1*							1		Baird's Sparrow
Song Sparrow	1				1	3	7		12		Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow						1	1		2		Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow		1	2						3		White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon" race					3				3		Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon" race
Red-winged Blackbird	40	26		5	60	55	10300		10486		Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	12	8	4	5	15		15	6	65	1	Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1					3000	5	3006		Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird	54			67	8		2		131		Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle	43	2			232		1500		1777		Common Grackle
Orchard Oriole							3		3		Orchard Oriole
House Finch	115	2	4	3	21		2	12	159		House Finch
Pine Siskin			3					62	65		Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch		3	26					20	49	20	Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch	14	25	2	4	6	3	1	42	97		American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak			8						8		Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow	1		3		107	25	60		196		House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	51	69	60	32	71	69	81	53	156	23	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3582	810	456	615	1717	2694	49253	571	59698	137	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

* No details

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1990 REPORTS

American Bittern 9/18 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JM,JT)N
Great Egret 9/18 (3) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (AH,GH,JH,JR)N
Green-backed Heron 9/5 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)N
Greater White-fronted Goose 9/28 (1a1i) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JK,SS)N
Hooded Merganser 9/21 (1m3f) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BJ)N; 9/26-9/29 (1m) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N
Osprey 9/26&9/29 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK)N
Cooper's Hawk 9/24 (1i) C.F.&I. Lakes, Pueblo Co. (AH,GH,JnH,JR)N
Broad-winged Hawk 9/21 (1) South Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (RG)N
Peregrine Falcon 9/2 (2) Colorado National Monument, Mesa Co. (JM,JT)N
Wild Turkey 9/28 (1) south of Iliff at South Platte River, Logan Co. (JK,SS)N
Black-bellied Plover 9/18 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JM,JT)N
Lesser Golden Plover 9/10 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (DB)N
Marbled Godwit 9/15 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (BS,JT)N
Sanderling 9/10 (15) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (DB)N
Dunlin 9/10 (1w) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (DB)N
Red Phalarope 9/19 (1w) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (DB)R
Sabine's Gull 9/29 (3i) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 9/5 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)N
Burrowing Owl 9/26 (1) Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (HK)N
Long-eared Owl 9/26 (1) Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (HK)N
Red-headed Woodpecker 9/3 (1) near Newcastle, Garfield Co. (JM,JT)N
Red-naped Sapsucker 9/16 (1) 869 Milwaukee St., Denver, Denver Co. (HK)N
Cassin's Kingbird 9/18 (4) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (AH,GH,JH,JR); 9/24 (9) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo Co. (AH,GH,JnH,JR)N
Pinyon Jay 9/24 (8) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo Co. (AH,GH,JnH,JR)N
Black-billed Magpie 9/1 (1 albino) near Harvey Gap Reservoir, Garfield Co. (JM,JT)N
Marsh Wren 9/18 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JM,JT)N; 9/26 (2) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK)N
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 9/29 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK)N
Eastern Bluebird 9/21 (26) South Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (RG)N; 9/28 (1) south of Iliff at South Platte River, Logan Co. (JK,SS)N
Wood Thrush 9/17 (1) below Prewitt Reservoir Dam, Logan Co. (DB)R
Solitary Vireo 9/29 (1 "Cassin's" race) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N
Nashville Warbler 9/16 (2) Lamar Community College, Prowers Co. (DB)N; 9/21 (1) Bonny Reservoir SRA, Yuma Co. (RG)N
Black-throated Gray Warbler 9/16 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (NE,DN)N
Townsend's Warbler 9/24 (1) 2695 S. Winona Ct., Denver, Denver Co. (MJS)N
Black-and-white Warbler 9/26 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK)N
American Redstart 9/21 (1f) Hale, Yuma Co. (RG)N
Northern Waterthrush 9/5 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)N
Mourning Warbler 9/21 (1if) willows on NW edge of Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (DB)R
Clay-colored Sparrow 9/27 (1) 42 S. Balsam St., Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (PH)N
Black-throated Sparrow 9/3 (1) 3 miles north of Silt, Garfield Co. (JM,JT)N
Sage Sparrow 9/3 (1) County Road 226, Garfield Co. (JM,JT)N
White-throated Sparrow 9/14 (1) below Prewitt Reservoir Dam, Logan Co. (DB)N

Abbreviations used above: N = No details, R = Rare-bird report submitted, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male, w = winter plumage

CONTRIBUTORS: AH = Alan Hay, BJ = Bob Jickling, BS = Bob Spencer, DB = Dan Bridges, DN = Duane Nelson, GH = Glenn Hageman, HK = Hugh Kingery, JH = Joe Himmel, JnH = Jeane Hageman, JK = Joey Kellner, JM = Jean Maguire, JR = Jack Reddall, JT = Joe TenBrink, MJS = Mary Jane Schock, NE = Norm Erthal, PH = Phil Hayes, RG = Robert & Nancy Gustafson, SS = Steve Stachowiak

Highlights continued from page 3

Brewer's Sparrows, and the only McCown's Longspurs of the month.

Those who followed Ben Moore on his half-day trip to Roxborough State Park (ROX) saw 35 Rufous-sided Towhees and, unusual for the foothills, a Lark Bunting.

Bob Jickling's trip to the Boulder area (BDR) came up with 2 Horned Grebes, a Green-backed Heron, and an immature Sabine's Gull.

Those on Mort Staatz' half-day trip to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) saw 18 Orange-crowned Warblers and a White-throated Sparrow.

The observers led by Ed Holub and Donna Rieckmann to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) saw 8 Ferruginous Hawks and 1300 European Starlings.

A synopsis of the 1990 Fall Count with a comparison to previous years will appear in next month's *Lark Bunting*.

Last month was the poorest September of the last seven for fall warblers. Only 16 species are recorded for the month in this issue. Only 17 were recorded the previous two years as compared to an average of 22.5 from 1984 through 1987. Should we blame balmy weather, rain-forest destruction, or bad luck?

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Actual for year ended 8/31/90	Proposed for year ending 8/31/91
REVENUES		
Membership Dues	$4,415	$4,000
Interest on Savings Account	688	780
Book Shop	479	365
Donations to Colorado Bird Report	1,217	855
Museum's Institutional Membership	75	75
Previous Year's Surplus	–	1,100
Miscellaneous	105[1]	–
TOTAL	$6,979	$7,175
EXPENDITURES		
Lark Bunting Printing and Mailing	$3,581	$3,960
DFO Corporate Museum Membership	75	75
Book Shop	259	355
Colorado Bird Report		
Monthly Billing for Phone	217	480
Long Distance Calls	61	100
Repairs	121	175
Equipment Reserve	249	0
Relocation	0	100
Colorado Bird Observatory	–	1,000
Colorado Bird Atlas	200	200
Ptarmigan Awards	0	100
Honoraria	–	100
Insurance	0	430
Miscellaneous	216[2]	100
TOTAL	$4,979	$7,175

1 Donations to and transfers from Virginia Hamm Memorial Fund = $100
2 Officer's supplies; Virginia Hamm Mem. Fund ($100); Fall picnic ($70)

Prepared by Alan Hay, Treasurer

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NOVEMBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

NOVEMBER 3, Saturday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Bobbie Ausfaul (798-0552). Meet to carpool at 7:00 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on S. Sheridan north of U.S. 285 (Hampden). Meet leader at 7:30 AM at gate to Arboretum (west of S. Wadsworth on Deer Creek Canyon Road. 1/2 day trip. Lunch optional.

NOVEMBER 4, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA*. Leaders: Brenda & Joey Kellner (985-0552). Meet leaders at 7:30 AM at Park & Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth south of U.S. 285 (Hampden). Bring lunch.

NOVEMBER 10, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet leader at 7:30 AM at Park & Ride northwest of intersection of S. Santa Fe and Mineral. Bring lunch.

NOVEMBER 11, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK*. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Meet to carpool at 7:15 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. Meet leaders at Barr Lake Nature Center at 8:00 AM. 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.

NOVEMBER 17, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA*. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet leader at 7:30 AM at west gate of SRA (east of Cherry Creek High School on E. Union). Bring lunch.

NOVEMBER 18, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Irv Jackson (233-2171). Meet leader at 7:30 AM at Prospect Park Lake near W. 44th Ave. & Robb St. 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.

NOVEMBER 23, Friday. TURKEY HUNT AFTER TURKEY DAY. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). If planning to go call leader by Tuesday, November 20.

NOVEMBER 24, Saturday. NORTHWEST DENVER AREA LAKES. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Meet leader at 8:00 AM at Prospect Park Lake near W. 44th Ave. & Robb St. Lunch optional.

NOVEMBER 25, Sunday. NORTHEAST DENVER AND ADAMS COUNTY. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet leader at 8:00 AM at Twin Lakes Park at 72nd & Broadway. Lunch optional.

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* A pass or daily fee is required for each vehicle entering a State Park or SRA.

Submitted by:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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Tuesday Birders
You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

Entry Fees for 3 State Wildlife Areas
The Colorado Department of Wildlife has approved requiring experimental permits for vehicles entering three State Wildlife Areas in northeastern Colorado beginning in 1991. These are Lon Hagler SWA, Jumbo Reservoir SWA, and Prewitt Reservoir SWA. The last two mentioned are very popular with birders. The fee for the vehicle permit, valid for all three areas, will be $20 unless one has a Colorado game or fishing license in which case the permit will be only $5. Heretofore funding for the maintenance of the wildlife areas has come primarily from game and fishing license fees.

Monte Vista Crane Festival
The Eighth Annual Monte Vista Crane Festival will take place on the weekend of March 16 and 17, 1991.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: *The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.*

REGULAR MEETINGS: *The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 P.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on the Colorado Bird Report 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.*

FIELD TRIPS: *These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.*

BULLETIN: *A monthly bulletin,* ***The Lark Bunting,*** *is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in checklist order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.*

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303)423-5582

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MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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VOLUME 26, NUMBER 2 NOVEMBER 1990

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1991

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OCTOBER 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

OCTOBER 6, Saturday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Billie & Estes Howe, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Anne Southcott, Virgil Williams. (Sunny; Wind, SE 0-10 MPH in AM, NW 0-10 MPH in PM; 48-65F). ? miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 9.5 hours birding. (64 species, 963 individuals).

OCTOBER 7, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek: Plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Nancy & Wendell Hoag, Joe & Norma Kamby, Anne Southcott. (Cloudy; Wind, light; 40-55F). 25 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (52 species, 343 individuals).

OCTOBER 13, Saturday (BAR)
Denver to Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Calm; 35-70F). 68 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (44 species, 2411 individuals).

OCTOBER 14, Sunday (CHT)
Chatfield SRA. Leader: Anne Southcott. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Marta Deutman, Irv Jackson, Joey Kellner, Eleanor White, Virgil Williams. (Sunny; Wind, NE 0-15 MPH; 40-65F). 30 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (47 species, 784 individuals).

OCTOBER 20, Saturday
Douglas County. Leader: Ben Moore. (Trip cancelled due to snowstorm).

OCTOBER 20-21, Saturday-Sunday (SLV)
San Luis Valley (Alamosa & Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Cheryl & Keith Chamberlain; Dee Hay; Irv Jackson; Joe & Norma Kamby; Shawna Kennedy; Jackie King; Wayne McPherson; Bob & Sandy Righter; Don, Susan, & Julie Schupp. (Blowing snow to 8" deep on Sat.; Clear on Sun. with bare ground; Wind, variable 0-30 MPH; 11-42F). 447 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 16.5 hours birding. (56 species, 5179 individuals).

OCTOBER 27, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leaders: Ed Holub & Larry Malone. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Freda Krolik, Helen McGown, Nicki Pliler, Donna Rieckmann, Don & Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, NW 0-5 MPH; 41-63F). 38 miles by car, 0.5 mile on foot. 6.25 hours birding. (46 species, 1109 individuals).

OCTOBER 28, Sunday (BDR)
Boulder area: Boulder Creek, Baseline Reservoir, AAA Pond, Walden Pond. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Twyla Jorgensen, Joe & Norma Kamby, Dave Rhoades, Donna Rieckmann, Aaron Sell, Anne Southcott, Joe TenBrink. (Clear;

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The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Dept., Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The **Denver Field Ornithologists** was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935 and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Notification of **change of address** should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by 2nd class mail and will not be forwarded.

Members who **fail to receive the *Lark Bunting*** by the 25th of the month should contact the Editor (Tel. 232-7421) as he normally has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more successive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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(Field Trip Summaries continued)

Wind, ESE 0-2 MPH; 48-76F). 25 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (46 species, 1683 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

Oct. 2. Evergreen Lake & Bear Mountain (EVL). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers. (20 species, 257 individuals).

Oct. 9. Lower White Ranch (LWR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 15 observers. (22 species, 343 individuals).

Oct. 16. Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Foundation (BP). Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Sigrid Ueblacker. 32 observers. (12 species, 55 individuals.

Oct. 23. Castlewood Canyon State Park (CC). Leaders: Ann Bonnell & Virginia Elder. 28 observers. (26 species, 104 individuals).

Oct. 30. Chatfield Arboretum & Chatfield SRA (CAC). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 36 observers. (30 species, 940 individuals).

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 115 avian species were reported on seven DFO field trips in October (one trip was cancelled due to inclement weather). On their five trips, the Tuesday birders had 9 species seen on no DFO trip. Another 26 species not seen on any of the trips are reported under "Additional Reports" (page 18) making a total of 150 species reported for Colorado in October in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. This is down from the 165 species reported in October 1989.

Randy Lentz' trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR) was the most successful of the month in terms of total species reported, 64. The seven observers on that trip saw 10 species seen on no other trip. Among these were Sanderling and Sabine's Gull.

The trip to Bear Creek (BCK), led by Cal Wichern, was the only DFO trip of the month to visit the foothills which helped the 6 participants to come up with 9 species seen on no other DFO trip. The best of these was probably Cassin's Finch. Also seen was a Cooper's Hawk.

The four who went with Jackie King to Barr Lake (BAR) had 3 species seen on no other trip. These were American White Pelican (3), American Avocet (2), and Hermit Thrush (2). A Bald Eagle was also observed.

The seven observers on Anne Southcott's trip to Chatfield SRA (CHT) also had 3 species seen on no other trip. These were Osprey, Least Sandpiper, and American Pipit. A late Yellow-headed Blackbird was also seen.

Ben Moore's scheduled trip to Douglas County was cancelled due to the season's first snowstorm.

The same snowstorm didn't keep fourteen people from following Alan Hay to the San Luis Valley (SLV), but it did keep them from seeing much of anything during their arduous eight-hour trip to Monte Vista on snowy roads. Determination paid off, however, as those who made the trip were rewarded by the observation of 3 Whooping Cranes along with 2500 Sandhill Cranes. Other good birds, none of which were seen on other trips, included Snow Geese (11), Pinyon Jays (60), Northern Mockingbird (1), and Great-tailed Grackle (2).

Ed Holub and Larry Malone led eight others on the tour of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA). They saw 3 late Blue-winged Teal and 2 late Burrowing Owls. They also saw the first fall Rough-legged Hawk and Northern Shrikes.

Bob Jickling, who subbed for Alex Cruz, led eight observers on a balmy Sunday in the Boulder area (BDR). Among their better birds were 2 Common Loons, 16 Horned Grebes, 25 Cedar Waxwings, and a female Black-throated Blue Warbler.

A total of 14 species were reported on all seven DFO trips. None of these are surprising. Somewhat surprising, though, is that Ruby-crowned Kinglets were seen on all but one trip.

Highlights among the "Additional Reports (page 18) are the following: Pacific Loons at three localities, White-winged Scoter at Hamilton Reservoir, a late Swainson's Hawk, a Red Phalarope, a late Loggerhead Shrike, a Philadelphia Vireo, a Black-throated Blue Warbler, a Palm Warbler, and a PROTHONOTARY WARBLER.

Here's hoping for nice Christmas Count weather!

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on October Field Trips

	Scheduled DFO Trips							Tuesday Birders				
DATE	6	7	13	14	20-21	27	28	2	9	16	23	30
AREA COVERED	CCR	BCK	BAR	CHT	SLV	RMA	BDR	EVL	LWR	BP	CC	CAC
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	PF	P	P	V	P	P	F	F	P	F	P
Pacific Loon												2
Common Loon							2					1
Pied-billed Grebe		5		12		16	25					
Horned Grebe							16					
Eared Grebe	18	1			1		3					1
Western Grebe	13		27	17		2	22					9
Clark's Grebe	1											
American White Pelican			3									
Double-crested Cormorant	154	6	60	21								2
Great Blue Heron	2	1		6	1	4	1					
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1i											
Snow Goose												
"White" morph					11							
Canada Goose	35	40	700	44	105	170	180					350
Wood Duck	2											
Green-winged Teal	13		1	30	40	5	19					30
Mallard	26	44	64	35	90	95	15	16				17
Northern Pintail	1				16	12	35					
Blue-winged Teal						3						

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TABLE 1: (Continued)

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LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	V	P	P	F	F	P	F	P
Northern Shoveler			16	31		10	44					20
Gadwall	3	9	150	30	110	37	40					26
American Wigeon	1	34	175	8	50	25	65					2
Canvasback						2	3					
Redhead				2	14	11	11					
Ring-necked Duck		1		2	24	23	300					
Lesser Scaup			9	3		2						2
Bufflehead					14		48					1
Hooded Merganser	1m						9					
Common Merganser		1			7							
Ruddy Duck	3	1			1							3
Turkey Vulture	4							1				
Osprey				1								
Bald Eagle			1			1i						
Northern Harrier	1f1i		3	1	5	3						3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1a1i	1										
Cooper's Hawk		1				1			2	1		
Red-tailed Hawk			5	3	14					1	1	1
western races	5	1				9	3					
Ferruginous Hawk	1		1			1				4		3
Rough-legged Hawk						1					1	
Golden Eagle									1			1
American Kestrel	1	3	2	1	1			2		3		1
Prairie Falcon			1	1								
Ring-necked Pheasant	1f				2	3	1					
Virginia Rail	3											
American Coot	37	1	100	200	55	110	120					300
Sandhill Crane	1		15		2500							
Whooping Crane					3							
Black-bellied Plover			1	2								
Killdeer	27		6	9	1							
American Avocet			2									
Greater Yellowlegs					2		1					
Lesser Yellowlegs			1		7		2					
Spotted Sandpiper	2			1								
Sanderling	3											
Least Sandpiper				1								
Long-billed Dowitcher			63		6							
Common Snipe	3											
Franklin's Gull	1		40									
Ring-billed Gull	80	8	65	29		45	125				1	100
California Gull	120			4								
Herring Gull	1a			2								
Sabine's Gull	2i											
Forster's Tern	2											
Rock Dove	20	8	72	36	14	3	35		25	10	27	25
Mourning Dove	1	4	1									
Great-horned Owl	1			2	2							
Burrowing Owl						2						
Belted Kingfisher	1	2		8		1	3					1
Red-naped Sapsucker								1	1			
Downy Woodpecker	3	1	4	3	2	1			1		1	
eastern races							3					
Hairy Woodpecker		1						2				
Northern Flicker												
"Red-shafted" race	15	8	4	5	3	16	11	1	3		2	4
Horned Lark					4	125				14		11
Barn Swallow	14	1	1									
Steller's Jay		3						9	2		1	

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TABLE 1: (Continued)

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DATE	6	7	13	14	20-21	27	28	2	9	16	23	30
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LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	V	P	P	F	F	P	F	P
Blue Jay	1	1		2			3		1			
Scrub Jay					1				1		1	
Pinyon Jay					60							
Clark's Nutcracker					4							
Black-billed Magpie	40	13	21	25	55	37	17	1	4		13	17
American Crow	6	20	6	2	29		5	4	2		1	
Common Raven					15			1	1			
Black-capped Chickadee	11	3	10	12	5	6	13		15		9	6
Mountain Chickadee		8						9			2	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		3						11			2	
White-breasted Nuthatch		2						11				
Pygmy Nuthatch		10						36				
Rock Wren											1	
Canyon Wren											2	
American Dipper								1			1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	12	2	1	3		7		36			
Western Bluebird		12							7			
Mountain Bluebird		6			7	4			41			
Townsend's Solitaire	2	2			8	3					6	
Hermit Thrush			2									
American Robin	15	9	6	9	45	53	7	58	40	1	6	
Northern Mockingbird					1							
American Pipit				8								
Cedar Waxwing							25					
Northern Shrike						2						
European Starling	56		520	20	1245	85	350		100	7	3	
Orange-crowned Warbler	4	2			1							
Black-throated Blue Warbler							1f					
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
"Myrtle" race				1					3			
"Audubon's" race	9	8		3		1	2		9		2	
Common Yellowthroat	1H											
Rufous-sided Towhee									2		1	
American Tree Sparrow						12	7					
Chipping Sparrow	10	2										2
"Spizella" species	10											
Lark Sparrow		1										
Song Sparrow	12	3	1	3	9	3	1	1				
White-crowned Sparrow		2	5	5	8						8	
"Gambel's" race	38						4					
Dark-eyed Junco					7							
"Slate-colored" race	1		3			2						
"Oregon" race	3	2				72	16				3	1
"Gray-headed" race		3					2			8		
Red-winged Blackbird	40	1	175	120	530	8	6			2	2	
Western Meadowlark	5	6	32	6	11	25	2		30	1		1
Yellow-headed Blackbird				1	3							
Brewer's Blackbird	3				1					2		
Great-tailed Grackle					2							
Common Grackle	3				3							
Cassin's Finch		3										
House Finch	35	10	15	12	3	42	40		16		6	
Red Crossbill								7i				
Pine Siskin		2						1				
American Goldfinch	27	8		4	4	5						
Evening Grosbeak								84				
House Sparrow	2	3	20		14	10	35			2		
TOTAL SPECIES	64	52	44	47	56	46	46	20	22	12	26	30
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	963	343	2411	784	5179	1108	1683	257	343	55	104	940

Abbreviations used in Table 1: F=Foothills, H=Heard only, P=Plains, V=intermontane Valley, a=adult, f=female, i=immature, m=male

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1990 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by leaders of scheduled DFO field trips.
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987, & 1989) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location (please **do not** fail to include the **county** of occurrence). Refer to the supplement of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 24, Number 11 (August 1989), for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Pacific Loon 10/21 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (JK)N; 10/25 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (BR)N; 10/31 (1w) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N

Common Loon 10/21 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (JK)N; 10/31 (12w) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N

American Bittern 10/1 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)N

Great Egret 10/1 (5) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR)N

Snow Goose 10/10 (500 "White" morph, 5 "Blue" morph) NeeNoShe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB)N; 10/29 (1 "White" morph) Walcott Lake, Denver, Denver Co. (PH,PJ)N

White-winged Scoter 10/29 (1i) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (DB)N

Red-breasted Merganser 10/26 (2f) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N

Cooper's Hawk 10/11 (1i) 42 S. Balsam St., Lakewood, Jefferson Co. (PH)N

Swainson's Hawk 10/9 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N

Peregrine Falcon 10/3 (1) South Republican SWA, Yuma Co. (NE)N

Sora 10/21 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (JK)N

Lesser Golden Plover 10/1 (5) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR)N

Least Sandpiper 10/31 (1) Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (HK)N

Baird's Sandpiper 10/23 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (NE)N

Dunlin 10/16 (1b) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (JR)N

Red Phalarope 10/9 (1b) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N

Bonaparte's Gull 10/27 (2wa) Bonny Reservoir State Park, Yuma Co. (DB)N

Common Tern 10/14 (1w) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (AS)S

Brown Creeper 10/2 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (JK)N

Marsh Wren 10/31 (5) Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (HK)N

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 10/21 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (JK)N

Gray Catbird 10/3 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK)N

Cedar Waxwing 10/1 (20) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (TJ)S

Loggerhead Shrike 10/31 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK)N

Solitary Vireo 10/21 (1 eastern race) Below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (DB)N

Philadelphia Vireo 10/7 (1i) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (JK)S

Tennessee Warbler 10/4 (1) Sterling Jaycee Park, Logan Co. (NE)N

Orange-crowned Warbler 10/31 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK)N

Black-throated Blue Warbler 10/26 (1f) CU Campus, Boulder, Boulder Co. (BJ)N

Black-throated Green Warbler 10/18 (1f) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan Co. (DB)N

Palm Warbler 10/3 (1w) Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (HK)F

Prothonotary Warbler 10/10 (1m) Sand Creek near Nebraska line, Sedgwick Co. (DB)F

White-throated Sparrow 10/1 (4) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)N; 10/15-24 (1, found dead on 10/24) 869 Milwaukee St., Denver, Denver Co. (UK)N

Harris' Sparrow 10/10 (1) Sand Creek near Nebraska line, Sedgwick Co. (DB)N

Red Crossbill 10/1 (11) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson Co. (TJ)N

Abbreviations used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, N = No details, S = Some details, a = adult, b = basic plumage, f = female, i = immature, m = male, w = winter plumage

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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

TWENTY-YEAR HISTORY OF THE ANNUAL FALL BIRD COUNT

Prepared by Jack Reddall

For the past twenty years, the Denver Field Ornithologists have conducted an Annual Fall Count in the Greater Denver Area. This Count is normally held in early September and covers various predetermined areas and habitats. The original idea of conducting an Annual Fall Count is credited to Van Remsen who devised the "BBHMP Triangle" (Barr Lake, Banner Lakes, Horse Creek Reservoir, the Mile High Lakes and Prospect Reservoir). This triangle's boundaries were bordered on the northwest and north by I-80s (now I-76); on the east by Weld County Road 59 which runs just east of Keenesburg south to the east side of Prospect Reservoir; and on the south by East 112th Avenue. The purpose of the Annual Fall Count was to count and record all the species and numbers for each species observed within the "BBHMP Triangle" each year in order to develop trends in migratory birds as well as compiling a listing of all species seen. Remsen's idea was a worthy one and ultimately would have provided some valuable and informative statistics (reflect for a moment about the impact twenty years of consistent data might have on evaluating what affect, if any, the current demise of the tropical rain forests are having on our migrant song bird populations). However, after surviving for only five years, the "BBHMP Triangle" was abandoned as interest waned due mostly to conflicts with duck hunting activities in the Count Area. Sporadic and minimal interest managed to keep the Annual Fall Count alive during the next three years.

Then in 1979 interest was rejuvenated when the Count area was altered and expanded to include more and varied areas and habitats (only the Barr Lake Count Area has remained intact for the entire 20 years). Thus, the statistics compiled since the Fall Count's inception in 1971 do not necessarily portray a solid basis for comparisons or from which to draw definitive conclusions as to migratory trends, etc., as originally envisioned by Remsen. It now has become mostly a "fun-exercise" by providing an opportunity to get afield for a couple of days each September and enjoy the fall movement of birds passing through the Denver area at this time of the year.

The initial Annual Fall Count was conducted on Saturday, September 11, 1971, in the "BBHMP Triangle" as follows:

AREA 1. Barr Lake. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Douglas Buttery, Robert Buttery, Becky Cruse. (86 species).

AREA 2. Mile High Lakes and surrounding plains. Leader: John Cooper. Observers: Christine Bonney, Henry & Vi Bossman, Lori Chappell, Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Dave Hutchinson, Steve Larson, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock. (81 species).

AREA 3. Horse Creek Reservoir and surrounding plains. Leader: Van Remsen. Observers: Robert Andrews, Hugh Kingery, Sue Merrick, Edith Schmechel. (85 species).

AREA 4. Banner Lakes, Prospect Reservoir and surrounding plains. Leader: Paul Julian. Observer: Robert Spencer. (79 species).

Total Species-133. Total Individuals-19310.

In 1972, two all-time Annual Fall Count records were set that have never been equalled or surpassed irrespective of the many changes in Count areas that have been added during the ensuing years. A team composed of Robert Andrews, Hugh Kingery and Sue Merrick and led by Van Remsen recorded 117 species at Horse Creek Reservoir and the surrounding plains which represents the highest number of species for any individual Count area during the past 20 years. Another team of Harold Holt, La Vona Holt and Jim Lane led by Jack Reddall established the all-time high count of species for the Barr Lake Count Area at 113. Also in 1972, a grand total of 30,586 individual birds were accounted for which stood until this year when it was smashed with 59,698 individuals! In the same year, the Banner Lakes/Prospect Reservoir Count Area was sub-divided into separate counts, but the original "BBHMP Triangle" configuration remained as initially established.

In 1976, the Mile High Lakes Count had to be abandoned as the conflict with duck hunting became an unbearable situation (however forays by intrepid leaders into the Mile High Duck Club continued on and off in the following years as part of the Barr Lake Periphery Count). Also in 1976, though a count was made at Horse Creek Reservoir, no report was turned in. The Horse Creek Count continued for one more year and then was dropped due to access permission difficulties along with duck hunting pressures.

By 1978 only three areas were counted (Barr Lake, Banner Lakes and Prospect Reservoir) when only 104 species were recorded totalling 7205 individuals. Access to the Banner Lakes was becoming a serious problem by now with duck hunting and this area had to be abandoned in the following year.

The 1979 Annual Fall Count saw a renewal of interest with new Count areas Barr Lake Periphery, Bear Creek Lake Park, Chatfield SRA, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Castlewood Canyon State Park, the Evergreen Area and Red Rocks Park joining the standard-bearer, Barr Lake Count. It appeared that this new configuration would stabilize the situation and therefore could provide a basis for compiling significant trend data of fall migrations in the years to follow. But alas, it was not to be. This new arrangement did result in recording an all-time number of species (157) for any Annual Fall Count which stood until last year when the current record of 173 species was set.

The Waterton Count was added in 1982 making a total of nine Count Areas for the first time. Then in 1984, the Evergreen Area Count was terminated for reasons unknown. This was followed in 1986 by the dropping of the Castlewood Canyon State Park and Red Rocks Park Counts and the expansion of the Waterton Count to include the recently established Roxborough State Park. In 1987, only six areas were covered with the Waterton Count returning to its original status through dropping the previous year's annexation, Roxborough State Park which was supposed to stand on its own in succeeding years. However, no formal counts have been arranged for in this area to date.

The Castlewood Canyon State Park was re-established in 1988 after a two year hiatus and a new Count Area was added in 1989 (Rocky Mountain Arsenal). Access to the Arsenal was eased last year allowing for limited bird-watching activities.

Thus, the Annual Fall Count continues to be a heterogeneous mixture of Count areas that provide little definitive data of fall migration trends within the immediate Denver area. However, it is of interest to note in passing that 257 species of birds have been recorded since the first Annual Fall Count in 1971.

A 20 year summary by count area is listed below:

YEAR	TOT SPC	TOTAL INDIV	BP PL	BAR PLN	HCK PLN	MH PL	BN PL	PS PL	PY PL	BC PL	CSR PLN	CK PL	CW FH	EV MT	RP FH	WT PL	WR PF	AR PL
			NUMBER OF SPECIES BY COUNT AREA															
1971	133	19310	79	86	85	81												
1972	150	30586	91	113	117	90												
1973	123	12903		71	68	79	49	72										
1974	134	11666		103	84	64	44	73										
1975	127	19988		89	87	64	52	19										
1976	121	14534		104			59	68										
1977	117	13524		84	78		40	75										
1978	104	7205		83			35	61										
1979	157	14031		100					81	71	82	35	45	54	25			
1980	154	14445		95					69	46	96	43	41	37	26			
1981	149	12311		82					62	56	90	37	45	70	38			
1982	140	7390		20					75	59	47	40	43	59	15	27		
1983	150	10339		77					61	40	73	40	42	71	30	48		
1984	150	14891		78					46	61	67	35	57		21	63		
1985	143	14421		71					52	75	76	45	40		24	59		
1986	152	16120		86					64	72	77	59					61	
1987	149	14535		85					68	65	84	75				73		
1988	163	17456		67					65	69	83	82	47			68		
1989	173	19815		74					68	59	105	86	57			76		77
1990	156	59698		69					81	51	69	32	53			60		71

LEGEND: Banner Lakes & Prospect Reservoir (BP)
Barr Lake State Park (BAR)
Horse Creek Reservoir (HCK)
Mile High Lakes (MH)
Banner Lakes (BN)
Prospect Reservoir (PS)
Barr Lake Periphery (PY)
Bear Creek Lake Park (BC)
Chatfield SRA (CSR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CK)
Castlewood Canyon State Park (CW)
Evergreen (EV)
Red Rocks Park (RP)
Waterton (WT)
Waterton/ Roxborough State Park (WR)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal (AR)

Plains (PLN, PL, P)
Foothills (FH, F)
Mountains (MT)

HIGHEST COUNT TOTALS = Underlined

1990 ANNUAL FALL COUNT SUMMARY

Prepared by Jack Reddall

A total of eight Count Areas, the same as last year, were covered on this year's Annual Fall Count conducted on September 8 and 9 (refer to Lark Bunting, Volume 26, Number 1, for complete details by area). This year a total of 156 species were reported down considerably from last year's record total of 173 species. In addition, a record breaking

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Florida Audubon Injured-Raptor Program

To help support a program to care for and rehabilitate injured and orphaned birds of prey, the Florida Audubon Societies are collecting cancelled foreign and domestic commemorative postage stamps, undamaged duck and state conservation stamps, and old foreign picture post cards. If you have any of the above you would like to contribute to the cause get in touch with Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) before the end of the year.

Volunteer Needed

The Colorado Bird Observatory needs an intermediate to advanced birder to organize its slide files of in-hand bird picures. Call Mike Carter or Duane Nelson at CBO (659-4348) for details.

Class on Xeroscope Plantings to Attract Birds

Tina Jones will teach such a class on Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 from 6 to 8:30 PM. Call Denver Botanic Gardens to register (331-4000).

DECEMBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

DEC. 1, Saturday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES AND PONDS. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 8:00 AM at northwest corner of Sloan's Lake Park at Sheridan and West 25th Ave. *

DEC. 2, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of SRA east of Cherry Creek H. S. (Yosemite & Union). *

DEC. 8, Saturday. CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT PRE-COUNT FOR AREA 4A (LOWER SOUTH PLATTE). Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:45 AM on west side of King Soopers on northeast corner of S. Federal and Belleview. *

DEC. 8 & 9, Saturday & Sunday. OTHER CBC PRE-COUNTS. Contact the leader of an area in which you would like to assist to learn when and if a pre-count is to be done.

DEC. 15, Saturday. ANNUAL DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (see details on next page).

* Bring lunch. Submitted by Ruth Wheeler and Ruth Breckon

OTHER COLORADO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

December 15, Saturday:		
COLORADO SPRINGS	Ben & Sally Sorenson	719-635-4791
CORTEZ	Alan Versaw	1-565-7989 (Night)
		1-533-7746 (Day)
GUNNISON	Ron Meyer	1-641-1477
LONGMONT	Virginia Dionigi	1-776-2609
MONTE VISTA NWR	Anne Morkill	719-852-4594 (Night)
		719-589-4021 (Day)
PUEBLO RESERVOIR	Mark Yaeger	719-543-2724
ROARING FORK	Jim Conway	1-945-6849
GLENWOOD SPRINGS	Vic Zerbi	1-945-6071
December 16, Sunday:		
BOULDER	Bill Kaempfer	939-8005 (Night)
		492-4487 (Day)
EVERGREEN/IDAHO SPRINGS	Barbara Jean Gard	674-3280
GRAND JUNCTION	Coen Dexter	1-434-6731
PENROSE	Jim & Rosie Watts	719-372-6679 (Night)
		719-275-7482 (Day)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NAT. PARK	Clait Braun	1-493-2841 (Night)
		1-484-2836 (Day)
December 19, Wednesday:		
NUNN (PAWNEE GRASSLAND)	Clait Braun	1-493-2841 (Night)
		1-484-2836 (Day)
December 22, Saturday:		
CURECANTI NRA	Phil Zichterman	1-641-5971
FORT COLLINS	Kevin Cook	1-221-0012
WESTCLIFFE	Dave Johnson	719-545-5548
December 24, Monday:		
NORTH PARK	Clait Braun	1-493-2841 (Night)
		1-484-2836 (Day)
December 29, Saturday:		
BARR LAKE	Bob Andrews	442-3238
	Mike Carter	659-4348 (Day)
DURANGO	Rita Mansfield	1-259-1324
GREELEY	June Kane	1-356-3625
HOTCHKISS	Dick Guadagno	1-527-4563
PUEBLO	Mike Ketchen	719-545-2020
WELDONA/FT. MORGAN	Dave Hutchinson	1-667-8413 (Night)
		1-936-3466 (Day)
December 30, Sunday:		
DOUGLAS COUNTY	Roxborough State Park	973-3959 (Day)
RAWHIDE ENERGY STATION	R. A. Ryder	1-482-8089 (Night)
		1-491-6547 (Day)
SAN ISABEL (or Dec. 23)	Dave Silverman	719-489-3565
December 31, Monday:		
PIKE'S PEAK	Helen Randal	719-632-6217
January 1, Tuesday:		
DENVER URBAN	Urling & Hugh Kingery	333-0161
SUMMIT COUNTY	Sue Bonfield	1-453-2812 (Night)

THE LARK BUNTING

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NOVEMBER 1990 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

NOVEMBER 3, Saturday
Chatfield Arboretum. Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. (Trip canceled due to snowstorm).

NOVEMBER 4, Sunday (CHA)
Chatfield SRA. Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: Bill & Jan Carter, Keith Chamberlain, Warren Finch, Bill Fink, Joe Himmel, Randy Lentz, Jack Reddall, Joe Roller, Rachel Warren. (Clear; Wind, W 0-5 MPH; 14-48F). 24 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 8.5 hours birding. (66 species, 3265 individuals).

NOVEMBER 10, Saturday (SPR)
South Platte River Park & McLellan Reservoir. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Ray Bonilla, Peggy Gonder, Alberta Nelson, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Eleanor White, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear; Wind, light; 32-65F). 5 miles by car, 1.75 miles on foot. 5.8 hours birding. (40 species, 1225 individuals).

NOVEMBER 11, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Marilyn Clark, Nancy Decio, Warren Finch, Brenda & Joey Kellner, Christina Kellner, Ed McConkey, David & Sherrill Pantle, Dick Schottler, Mort Staatz, Jennifer Ward. (Clear; Calm; 40-70F). 0 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (39 species, 5080 individuals).

NOVEMBER 17, Saturday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Dermot Cooper, Glenn Hageman, Phil Hayes, Warren Finch, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter. (Mostly sunny; Wind, W 0-5 MPH; 45-65F). 15 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 8.5 hours birding. (45 species, 1164 individuals).

NOVEMBER 18, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Irv Jackson. Observers: Merlynn Brown, Joe & Norma Kamby, David & Sherrill Pantle, Joe TenBrink, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Calm; 42-60F). 0 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 3.5 hours birding. (36 species, 522 individuals).

NOVEMBER 23, Friday (TK)
Turkey hunt after Turkey Day. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Mike Barber, Barbara Bull, Nancy Decio, Dave Gulbenkian, Ed Holub, Joe & Norma Kamby, Marjorie Roberts, Bob Schueneman, Janet & Russ Wood, Chris Wood. (Clear; Wind, 10-20 MPH; 30-50F). (14 species, 52 individuals).

NOVEMBER 24, Saturday (NWD)
Northwest Denver Area Lakes. Leader:

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(Field Trip Summaries continued)

Diana Mullineaux. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, George Collings, Hilda & Steven Eichenberger, Peggy Gonder, Helen Hassemer, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Joe & Norma Kamby, Hazel Kellogg, Tim Kuesel, Don Mullineaux, Diane Tabor, Orlando Valdez, Mary Washburne, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, W 8-25 MPH; 60-74F). 16 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (37 species, 1465 individuals).

NOVEMBER 25, Sunday (ADC)
Adams County. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Merlynn Brown, Jeff Carter, Marilynn Clark, Jean & Jim Fredlund, Joe & Norma Kamby, David & Sherrill Pantle, Don & Jo Shrode, Diane Taber, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 40-74F). 43 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 5.5 hours birding. (42 species, 2253 individuals).

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

NOVEMBER 9, Friday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Bennett; "hawk route" to Bijou Reservoir; Muir Springs, Prewitt Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir. Observers: Bill Fink, Joey Kellner, Jack Reddall, Joe Roller. (Mostly clear; Wind, W 0-20 MPH; 30-57F). 302 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (76 species, 35506 individuals).

NOVEMBER 17, Saturday (BON)
Bonny Reservoir SRA & South Republican SWA. Observers: Joey Kellner, Jack Reddall, Steve Stachowiak. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, variable 0-15 MPH; 38-65F). 60 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (68 species, 8467 individuals).

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

Nov. 6. Canceled due to bad weather.
Nov. 13. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 45 observers. (37 species, 2088 individuals).
Nov. 20. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCL). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 26 observers. (32 species, 228 individuals).
Nov. 27. Canceled due to bad weather.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 94 avian species were reported on eight DFO field trips in November. Two independent trips came up with 19 species seen on no DFO trip. The Tuesday Birders saw one species not seen on the DFO or independent trips making 114 species shown on Table 1. Another 14 species are shown under "Additional ... Reports" on page 32 for a grand total of 128 species reported for Colorado in November in this issue of the *Lark Bunting*. This compares to 138 species reported for November 1989.

Joey Kellner's trip to Chatfield SRA (CHA) reported 66 species including 10 species seen on no other DFO trip. Among the more notable of these were Canvasback, Black-bellied Plover, Red Phalarope, and American Pipit. This trip was one of three trips to report both Pacific and Common Loons.

Ed Holub's trip to South Platte River Park and McLellan Reservoir (SPR) also reported the two species of loon.

Those on the trip to Barr Lake (BAR) with Lee & Marilyn Rowe had the thrill of observing 4 rare Brants. They also had 3 Bohemian Waxwings.

The highlight of the Randy Lentz' trip to Cherry Creek SRA (CCR) was the observation of a LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL - only the third state record. Also seen were 37 Bonaparte's Gulls. This was the third trip to report two loon species.

Irv Jackson's trip to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB) reported the only Evening Grosbeaks of the month.

Those who searched for Turkeys the day after Turkey Day (TK) with Bob Spencer had 5 mountain species seen on no other trip of the month including Clark's Nutcracker.

The best bird seen on Diana Mullineaux' trip to the Northwest Denver Area Lakes (NWD) was an adult White-winged Scoter on the western Coor's Pond.

Those on Jackie King's trip to Adams County (ADC) saw 10 late Common Grackles and 26 individual raptors.

Among the better birds seen on the two independent trips to eastern Colorado were Tundra Swan, Oldsquaw, Merlin, Bobwhite, Dunlin, Short-eared Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Marsh Wren, and Field Sparrow.

A species seen by the Tuesday Birders that was seen on no other trip was American Dipper.

Among the more interesting additional species reported on page 32 are Greater White-fronted Goose, Greater Scaup, Northern Pygmy Owl, and Nashville Warbler. Several more interesting sightings that were reported on the Colorado Bird Report could have appeared under "Additional Reports" with credit given to the original observer had reports of the sightings been received by the editor.

TABLE 1: Birds Reported on November Field Trips

	Scheduled DFO Trips								Independent Trips		Tues. Birders	
DATE	4	10	11	17	18	23	24	25	9	17	13	20
AREA COVERED	CHA	SPR	BAR	CCR	WGB	TK	NWD	ADC	NEC	BON	BAR	BCL
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	P	M	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pacific Loon	1	2		1								
Common Loon	6	2		2					12	1		
Pied-billed Grebe	24	4	1	2	4		2		5	2	2	
Horned Grebe	4	5		18					5	1	2	
Eared Grebe	5			20					50	2	3	3
Western Grebe	12	4	6	8					3	14	2	
American White Pelican									8			
Double-crested Cormorant	2	1	2	4								2
Great Blue Heron	1	3					1		6	1		
Tundra Swan									1a			
Snow Goose												
"White" morph			1						13			

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DATE	4	10	11	17	18	23	24	25	9	17	13	20
AREA COVERED	CHA	SPR	BAR	CCR	WGB	TK	NWD	ADC	NEC	BON	BAR	BCL
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	P	M	P	P	P	P	P	P
Brant			4									
Canada Goose	210	600	550	120	200		580	710	90	100	1300	48
Wood Duck		32		1					3m1f			
Green-winged Teal	100		6	29	15		2	57	400	5	13	
Mallard	95	75	600	55	21		144	94	25000	3000	50	6
Northern Pintail	1m		200					92	20	80	55	4
Blue-winged Teal											2	
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.	1											
Northern Shoveler	300	3	20		25		27	247	5000		8	2
Gadwall	400	30	300		5		2	73	150	25	12	2
American Wigeon	55	22	600		7		27	107	15	1m1f	65	20
Canvasback	2m1f								20			
Redhead	9	3		2	4		8	19	1m	45		
Ring-necked Duck	2f	60			22		11	31	3	1f		
Lesser Scaup	70	12		1	10		6	32	600	30		4
Oldsquaw									1			
White-winged Scoter							1a					
Common Goldeneye	26	7	1	45	7		30	33	100	10	1	11
Bufflehead	52	26	2				17	6	200	2f		8
Hooded Merganser	3f	16					1m1f		1m7f	1m1f		
Common Merganser		3		250			28	2	80	250	6	13
Red-breasted Merganser				5						1m20f		
Ruddy Duck	2							4	6		4	
Bald Eagle			2						1a3i	2a4i	1	
Northern Harrier	2f			1					2m1f	1	3	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1		1						2		
Accipiter species				1								
Red-tailed Hawk			2		1	2		13			1	4
western races	7	3		3			2		9	5		
"Harlan's" race										1		
Ferruginous Hawk	1			1				5	1	2		1
Rough-legged Hawk							1	4	1	1	1	
Buteo species								1				
Golden Eagle									2a			
American Kestrel	2m1f	2			1		2	3	15	3	2	3
Merlin									5			
Prairie Falcon				1					5	1	1	
Ring-necked Pheasant			1	2H					9m	3f		
Northern Bobwhite									25	1H		
American Coot	1500	60	50	7	7		90	9	150	30	2	3
Sandhill Crane									1			
Black-bellied Plover	1								1			
Killdeer	22	3		16				13	1	1		
Spotted Sandpiper				1L								
Baird's Sandpiper									3			
Dunlin									1			
Long-billed Dowitcher				1L								
Common Snipe	6							1	2			
Red Phalarope	1											
Franklin's Gull	1a		1									
Bonaparte's Gull	1a			37					15	15		
Ring-billed Gull	71	6	2000	250	37		75	255	1500	80	60	4
California Gull	1a1i		3	35					1i			
Herring Gull	2a2i			6					30			
Lesser Black-backed Gull				1a*								
Rock Dove	4	25		3	28		75	305	110	4		
Mourning Dove	1								1			
Great-horned Owl	4								3	2		2
Short-eared Owl										1		
Belted Kingfisher	5	2		1	1		1	2	4			2
Red-headed Woodpecker										1i		

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AREA COVERED	CHA	SPR	BAR	CCR	WGB	TK	NWD	ADC	NEC	BON	BAR	BCL
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	P	P	M	P	P	P	P	P	P
Red-bellied Woodpecker										1m1f		
Downy Woodpecker		3	3		4	1		1			3	1
eastern races				2					4	9		
Hairy Woodpecker						2			1H			
eastern races										3		
Northern Flicker					8				30	15		
"Red-shafted" race	18	8	6	9			4	8			6	2
"Yellow-shafted" race											2	
Great Crested Flycatcher										1		
Horned Lark	15		30						100	120	40	6
Steller's Jay						2						
Blue Jay		1	1H		4			1	10	8		
Clark's Nutcracker						2						
Black-billed Magpie	29	22	20	15	17	1	13	22	20	15	9	12
American Crow	2				1	4	2	3		2	3	3
Common Raven	1											
Black-capped Chickadee	27	15	12	9	7		3	2	20	25	2	1
Mountain Chickadee						7						
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1						
White-breasted Nuthatch						2				2		
Pygmy Nuthatch						20						
Brown Creeper			1		1		1			4		
Marsh Wren										4		
American Dipper												1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3				2							
Eastern Bluebird										7		
Mountain Bluebird	1f											1
Townsend's Solitaire						1			2	25		
American Robin	13	36	1	21	3			7	55	50		
American Pipit	13											
Bohemian Waxwing			3									
Cedar Waxwing										20		
Northern Shrike	2a							1	2	1a		1
European Starling	45	50	250	125	7		275	22	750	60	308	
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
"Audubon's" race	3											
Rufous-sided Towhee												
"Spotted" races	1H											
American Tree Sparrow	20		4	15	5		1	1	25	65	10	38
Field Sparrow										2		
Song Sparrow	2	5	12	6	10		1	2	30	15	7	1
White-crowned Sparrow	5		14		4		2	18			27	
"Gambel's" race									6	10		
Harris' Sparrow	1a1i							2				
Dark-eyed Junco			8		10		3					
"Slate-colored" race				3			1		1	4		
"Oregon" race	5	12		2		5	1		35	120		
"Gray-headed" race									1			
Red-winged Blackbird	26	30	300	15	1		4	9	500	4000	67	
Western Meadowlark	2		8						15	10	4	
Brewer's Blackbird									50			
Common Grackle								10	1			
House Finch	7	30		9	14	2	7	6	6	10		10
Pine Siskin									3	4		
American Goldfinch	2	1	15	2	13		2	6	6	10	2	9
Evening Grosbeak					12							
House Sparrow			40		4		11	14	130	90	2	
TOTAL SPECIES	66	40	39	45	36	14	37	42	76	68	37	32
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3265	1225	5080	1164	522	52	1465	2253	35506	8467	2088	228

Abbreviations used in Table 1: F = Foothills, H = Heard only, L = Lame, P = Plains, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

* = Good details submitted

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1990 REPORTS

Tundra Swan 11/7 (3a2i) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (DB)N
Greater White-fronted Goose 11/22 (6) NeeNoShe Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (DB)N
Snow Goose 11/3 (30o) I-70 1 mile E of Tower Road, Adams Co. (AS)N
Greater Scaup 11/28 (1f) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N
White-winged Scoter 11/7 (2f) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N, 11/14 (2i) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (AS)S
Red-tailed Hawk 11/28 (1 "Krider's" race) 119th & Holly, Adams Co. (JT)N
Merlin 11/7 (1) Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N, 1/24 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (JT)N
Thayer's Gull 11/7 (1, 1st winter) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N
Greater Roadrunner 11/22 (2) 10 mi. E of Two Buttes Reservoir, Prowers Co. (DB)N
Eastern Screech-Owl 11/28 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH)N
Northern Pygmy-Owl 11/10 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (JR)N
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 11/22 (1) 1 mi. below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (DB)N
Mountain Chickadee 11/1-11/13 (1) 2695 Newland St., Denver, Denver Co. (PE)N
Canyon Wren 11/30 (1) Sunshine Canyon, Boulder, Boulder Co. (BR)N
Winter Wren 11/30 (1) Sunshine Canyon, Boulder, Boulder Co. (BR)N
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 11/22 (1) 1 mi. below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (DB)N
Eastern Bluebird 11/7 (2f) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR)N
Hermit Thrush 11/13 (1) Matthew Winters Park, Jefferson Co. (PE)N
Nashville Warbler 11/2 (1) 150 S. 36th, Boulder, Boulder Co. (AW)N
Common Yellowthroat 11/25 (1) South Platte River Park, Arapahoe Co. (EH)N
Swamp Sparrow 11/29 (1) St. Vrain Rd. between Boulder & Lyons, Boulder Co. (DB)N
Harris' Sparrow 11/1-11/18 (1-4) 14155 W. 54th Ave., Arvada, Jefferson Co. (DM)N

Abbreviations used above: N = No details, S = Some details, a = adult, f = female, i = immature, o = overhead

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Man on Colorado Bird Report
Scott Menough (owner of Wild Birds Unlimited on South Wadsworth) is now ably manning the Colorado Bird Report. We are all grateful to him and to Dick Schottler and Norm Erthal who manned the report between David Martin's retirement from the job and transfer of the job to Scott. Scott (987-1065) would like volunteers who would be willing to act on occasion as local experts to be called by those wanting further information.

DFO Upper Texas Coast Trip in April
Bob Righter will lead his 5th DFO trip to the Upper Texas Coast on April 12-18, 1991. There are few places in North America where one can experience the pulse of migration as acutely as on the Upper Texas Coast in spring. About 27 to 30 warbler and 36 shorebird species can be expected in a total species count of 200 to 220. Also to be expected are many of the southern piney wood specialties like Bachman's Sparrow. All costs are to be shared. The anticipated individual expenses while in Texas should be about $350. Trip limited to 8 birders. Write Bob (2358 S. Fillmore, Denver, 80210) after the first of the year if interested or for more information.

Barr Lake State Park Needs Volunteers
Volunteers are needed at Barr Lake State Park to staff the wildlife center and to lead guided walks. Volunteers can also contribute in such areas as photography, trail work, and exhibit production. For more information call the Wildlife Center (659-1160) or the Park Office (659-6005). Applications should be received before January 26. Volunteers will receive more than 30 hours of training and are asked to serve at least 48 hours per year.

New Canon City Nature Trails
Birders visiting the Canon City area may wish to investigate the new gravel nature trails along the south side of the Arkansas River there. Jim & Rosie Watts (719-372-6679) and Sylvia Wheelock (719-269-3719) are planning to make a checklist of for the area and would appreciate reports of sightings made along the trails. The area should be good during spring migration but be prepared for mosquitoes.

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JANUARY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 423-5582 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS

All field trip participants are urged to carpool whenever possible to help conserve energy and reduce air pollution. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled field trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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JANUARY 5, Saturday. URBAN SOUTH PLATTE RIVER. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 8:00 AM on west side of King Soopers at So. Federal & Belleview. 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.

JANUARY 6, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA*. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 8:00 AM at the Park-and-Ride on west side of Wadsworth south of US 285 (Hampden) or at 8:15 at the west entrance of SRA. Lunch optional.

JANUARY 12, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet to carpool at 7:30 AM south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of Wheat Ridge Methodist Church parking lot. Meet leader at 8:15 AM at north side of U.S. Bureau of Standards at 325 S. Broadway in Boulder (from US 36 take Baseline exit, turn left, turn left again at first traffic light and left again onto South Broadway). Bring lunch.

JANUARY 13, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK*. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Meet to carpool at 7:15 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. Meet leaders at 8:00 AM at Nature Center in the Park. 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.

JANUARY 19, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK SRA*. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of SRA (east of Cherry Creek High School on E. Union). Lunch optional.

JANUARY 20, Sunday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History or at 8:00 AM at west gate of arsenal on Quebec St. at 72nd Ave. Space limited. MUST REGISTER WITH LEADER. Bring lunch.

JANUARY 26, Saturday. NORTHEASTERN COLORADO. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:00 AM at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. MUST REGISTER WITH LEADER. Bring lunch.

JANUARY 27, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 8:00 AM at Prospect Park Lake (W. 44th Ave. near Robb St.). Lunch optional.

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* An annual or daily pass is required for each vehicle entering a State Park or SRA.

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Tuesday Birders

You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: *The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.*

REGULAR MEETINGS: *The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 P.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on the Colorado Bird Report 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.*

FIELD TRIPS: *These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.*

BULLETIN: *A monthly bulletin, **The Lark Bunting**, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in checklist order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.*

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303)423-5582

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ *Regular Family Membership - $10 (if paid after Oct. 1, valid for next year)*

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_____ *Contribution to the Colorado Bird Report*

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